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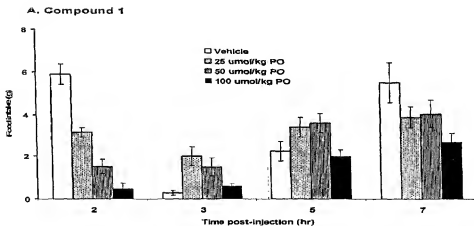
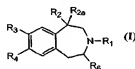
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel compounds of (I) (Formula I), which act as 5HT_{2C} receptor modulators. These compounds are useful in pharmaceutical compositions whose use includes the treatment of obesity.

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5HT_{2C} RECEPTOR MODULATORS

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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5 Number 60/405,495, filed August 23, 2002, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Number 60/434,607, filed December 18, 2002, and U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. (not yet assigned), filed April 10, 2003, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to compounds which act as modulators of 5HT_{2C} receptors, compositions including the compounds, and methods of using the compounds.

Background of the Invention

Obesity is a life-threatening disorder in which there is an increased risk of
15 morbidity and mortality arising from concomitant diseases such as type II diabetes, hypertension, stroke, cancer and gallbladder disease.

Obesity is now a major healthcare issue in the Western World and increasingly in some third world countries. The increase in numbers of obese people is due largely to the increasing preference for high fat content foods but
20 also, and this can be a more important factor, the decrease in activity in most people's lives. In the last 10 years there has been a 30% increase in the incidence of obesity in the USA and that about 30% of the population of the USA is now considered obese.

Whether someone is classified as overweight or obese is generally
25 determined on the basis of their body mass index (BMI) which is calculated by dividing body weight (kg) by height squared (m²). Thus, the units of BMI are kg/m² and it is possible to calculate the BMI range associated with minimum mortality in each decade of life. Overweight is defined as a BMI in the range 25-30 kg/m², and obesity as a BMI greater than 30 kg/m² (see TABLE below).

**CLASSIFICATION OF WEIGHT BY
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)**

BMI	CLASSIFICATION
< 18.5	Underweight
18.5-24.9	Normal
25.0-29.9	Overweight
30.0-34.9	Obesity (Class I)
35.0-39.9	Obesity (Class II)
>40	Extreme Obesity (Class III)

As the BMI increases there is an increased risk of death from a variety of causes that is independent of other risk factors. The most common diseases with obesity are cardiovascular disease (particularly hypertension), diabetes (obesity aggravates the development of diabetes), gall bladder disease (particularly cancer) and diseases of reproduction. Research has shown that even a modest reduction in body weight can correspond to a significant reduction in the risk of developing coronary heart disease.

There are problems however with the BMI definition in that it does not take into account the proportion of body mass that is muscle in relation to fat (adipose tissue). To account for this, obesity can also be defined on the basis of body fat content: greater than 25% in males and 30% in females.

Obesity considerably increases the risk of developing cardiovascular diseases as well. Coronary insufficiency, atheromatous disease, and cardiac insufficiency are at the forefront of the cardiovascular complication induced by obesity. It is estimated that if the entire population had an ideal weight, the risk of coronary insufficiency would decrease by 25% and the risk of cardiac insufficiency and of cerebral vascular accidents by 35%. The incidence of coronary diseases is doubled in subjects less than 50 years of age who are 30% overweight. The diabetes patient faces a 30% reduced lifespan. After age 45, people with diabetes are about three times more likely than people without diabetes to have significant heart disease and up to five times more likely to have a stroke. These findings emphasize the inter-

relations between risks factors for NIDDM and coronary heart disease and the potential value of an integrated approach to the prevention of these conditions based on the prevention of obesity (Perry, I. J., et al., *BMJ* 310, 560-564 (1995)).

Diabetes has also been implicated in the development of kidney disease, eye diseases and nervous-system problems. Kidney disease, also called nephropathy, occurs when the kidney's "filter mechanism" is damaged and protein leaks into urine in excessive amounts and eventually the kidney fails. Diabetes is also a leading cause of damage to the retina at the back of the eye and increases risk of cataracts and glaucoma. Finally, diabetes is associated with nerve damage, especially in the legs and feet, which interferes with the ability to sense pain and contributes to serious infections. Taken together, diabetes complications are one of the nation's leading causes of death.

The first line of treatment is to offer diet and life style advice to patients such as reducing the fat content of their diet and increasing their physical activity. However many patients find this difficult and need additional help from drug therapy to maintain results from these efforts.

Most currently marketed products have been unsuccessful as treatments for obesity owing to a lack of efficacy or unacceptable side-effect profiles. The most successful drug so far was the indirectly acting 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT) agonist d-fenfluramine (ReduxTM) but reports of cardiac valve defects in up to one third of patients led to its withdrawal by the FDA in 1998.

In addition, two drugs have recently been launched in the USA and Europe: Orlistat (XenicalTM), a drug that prevents absorption of fat by the inhibition of pancreatic lipase, and Sibutramine (ReductilTM), a 5-HT/noradrenaline re-uptake inhibitor. However, side effects associated with these products may limit their long-term utility. Treatment with XenicalTM is reported to induce gastrointestinal distress in some patients, while Sibutramine has been associated with raised blood pressure in some patients.

Serotonin (5-HT) neurotransmission plays an important role in numerous physiological processes both in health and in psychiatric disorders. 5-HT has been implicated in the regulation of feeding behavior for some time. 5-HT appears to

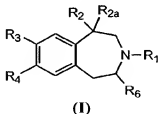
work by inducing a feeling of fullness or satiety so eating stops earlier and fewer calories are consumed. It has been shown that a stimulatory action of 5-HT on the 5HT_{2C} receptor plays an important role in the control of eating and in the anti-obesity effect of d-fenfluramine. As the 5-HT_{2C} receptor is expressed in high density in the brain (notably in the limbic structures, extrapyramidal pathways, thalamus and hypothalamus i.e. PVN and DMH, and predominantly in the choroid plexus) and is expressed in low density or is absent in peripheral tissues, a selective 5-HT_{2C} receptor agonist can be a more effective and safe anti-obesity agent. Also, 5-HT_{2C} knockout mice are overweight with cognitive impairment and susceptibility to seizure.

It is believed that 5HT_{2C} may play a role in obsessive compulsive disorder, some forms of depression, and epilepsy. Accordingly, agonists can have anti-panic properties, and properties useful for the treatment of sexual dysfunction.

In sum, the 5HT_{2C} receptor is a validated and well-accepted receptor target for the treatment of obesity and psychiatric disorders, and it can be seen that there is a need for selective 5HT_{2C} agonists which safely decrease food intake and body weight. The present invention is directed to these, as well as other, important ends.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention, in one aspect, relates to compounds represented by Formula (I):



wherein:

R₁ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl;

R₂ is C₁₋₈ alkyl, -CH₂-O-C₁₋₈ alkyl, -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₈ alkyl, -C(=O)-NH-C₁₋₈ alkyl, or CH₂OH;

R_{2a} is H or CH₃;

or R₂ and R_{2a} together form -CH₂-CH₂-;

R₃ and R₄ are each independently H, halogen, perhalo alkyl, (preferably CF₃), CN, OR₅, SR₅, NHR₅, N(R₅)₂, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

or R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R₅ is independently C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl; and

R₆ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof

provided that:

(A) if R₂ is methyl and R₁ and R₃ are both H, then R₄ is not thiazole, substituted thiazole or a thiazole derivative:

(B) if R₆ is other than H, then neither R₃ nor R₄ can be H;

(C) if R₁ and R₂ are methyl, and R₄ is H, then R₃ cannot be NHR₅ or N(R₅)₂;

(D) if R₁ and R₂ are methyl, and R₄ is H, then R₃ cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative; and

(E) if R₃ is OH, and R₁ is methyl then R₂ cannot be cyclopentyl, -CH₂-cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclohexyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds and methods of the invention, when R₁, R_{2a}, R₃ and R₆ are H and R₂ is methyl, then R₄ cannot be a chlorine atom.

In other embodiments of the compounds and methods of the invention, when R₁, R_{2a}, R₃ and R₆ are H and R₂ is methyl, then R₄ can be a chlorine atom.

In some alternate embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), if R₄ is OR₅, then R₂ cannot be alkyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_1 is H. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_1 is C_{1-8} alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_1 is methyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_1 is n-propyl.

5 In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_2 is methyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_2 is ethyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_2 is isopropyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2-$.

10 In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is halogen. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is chlorine. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is bromine. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is iodine. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is perhaloalkyl. In some
15 embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is CF_3 . In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_3 is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S. In some embodiments, R_3 is a radical derived from thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_4 is perhaloalkyl.
20 In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_4 is CF_3 . In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_4 is $-\text{OR}_5$. In some embodiments R_5 is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or allyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_5 is methyl or allyl. In some
25 embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_4 is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl. In some embodiments, R_4 is a radical derived from thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl or imidazolyl, which can optionally be mono- or di-substituted selected from halogen or methyl. In
30 some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R_4 is phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, and

alkoxy. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ and R₄ taken together form -O-CH=C(CH₃)-.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is halogen and R₄ is

5 -OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is chlorine and R₄ is -OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is bromine and R₄ is -OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is iodine and R₄ is -OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is halogen and R₄ is methoxy. In some
10 embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is halogen and R₄ is allyloxy.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is H and R₄ is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, or R₄ is
15 phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is H and R₄ is a disubstituted pyrazole or monohalo-substituted phenyl. In some such
20 embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), the substituents of the pyrazole are bromine and methyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is aryl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is heteroaryl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I),
25 R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is arylalkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is arylmethyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is heteroarylalkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is
30 heteroarylalkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is

OR₅ wherein R₅ is perhaloalkyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is OR₅ wherein R₅ is allyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I):

5 R₂ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or CH₂OH; or R₂ and R_{2a} taken together form -CH₂-CH₂-;

 R₃ is H, halogen, or a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

10 R₄ is H, alkoxy, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy;

 or R₃ and R₄ taken together form -O-CH=C(CH₃)-; and

15 R₆ is H or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I):

 R₂ is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or CH₂OH; or R₂ and R_{2a} taken together form -CH₂-CH₂-;

20 R₃ is chlorine, bromine, or iodine;

 R₄ is alkoxy; and

 R₆ is H or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I):

25 R₁ is H;

 R₂ is methyl;

 R₃ is H, chlorine, bromine, or thiophene;

 R₄ is alkoxy, pyrazolyl-3-yl or phenyl wherein said pyrazole optionally has up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, and said phenyl optionally has a single
30 halogen substituent; and

R₆ is H; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), the compound is a member of the group consisting of: 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Benzoyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Propyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaindene; 7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 1-Methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Propyl-8-

iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 1-Ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 8-bromo-1-methoxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), the compound is a member of the group consisting of: 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), the compound is a member of the group consisting of: 8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-

methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

5 The present invention also provides compositions comprising one or more compounds of the invention, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

10 The present invention further provides methods of modulating a 5HT_{2C} receptor comprising contacting said receptor with a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound or composition of the invention. Preferably, said compound is an agonist of said receptor.

15 The present invention further provides methods of prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective dose of a compound of the invention.

20 In some embodiments, the disorders of the central nervous system include depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related mental disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension. In some
25 embodiments, the disorders of the central nervous system is obesity.

In some embodiments, the damage to the central nervous system is by trauma, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases or toxic or infective CNS diseases, including encephalitis and meningitis.

30 In some embodiments, the cardiovascular disorder thrombosis. In further embodiments, the gastrointestinal disorder is dysfunction of gastrointestinal motility.

The present invention further provides methods of decreasing food intake of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound or composition of the invention.

5 The present invention further provides methods of inducing satiety in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound or composition of the invention.

The present invention further provides methods of controlling weight gain of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound or composition of the invention.

10 The present invention further provides methods of treating obesity comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound or composition of the invention.

In some embodiments, some of the foregoing methods of the invention further comprising the step of identifying a subject, said subject being in need of
15 decreasing food intake, controlling weight gain, or treating obesity, wherein said identifying step is performed prior to administering to said subject said pharmaceutically effective amount of said compound or composition of the invention.

20 One aspect of the present invention pertains to a compound of Formula (I) for use in a method of treatment of the human or animal body by therapy.

One aspect of the present invention pertains to a compound of Formula (I) for use in a method of prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea. In some
25 embodiments the disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy,
30 personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood,

aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension. In some embodiments the disorder is obesity.

One aspect of the present invention pertains to a compound of Formula (I) for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea. In some embodiments the disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension. In some embodiments the disorder is obesity.

In some embodiments, the invention provides methods for alleviation of a symptom of any of the diseases, conditions or disorders mentioned herein.

Applicants reserve the right to exclude any one or more of the compounds from any of the embodiments of the invention. Applicant additionally reserves the right to exclude any disorder from any of the embodiments of the invention.

Brief Description of the Figures

Figures 1A-1G illustrate the effects of seven different compounds of the invention on food intake in food-deprived rats.

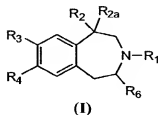
Detailed Description of the Invention

The present invention relates to 5HT_{2C} receptor agonist compounds, methods of modulating 5HT_{2C} receptors by contacting the receptors with one or more compounds of the invention. The present invention also relates to methods of decreasing food intake, controlling weight gain, or treating obesity, using compounds of the invention.

The term "antagonist" is intended to mean moieties that competitively bind to the receptor at the same site as agonists (for example, the endogenous ligand), but which do not activate the intracellular response initiated by the active form of the receptor, and can thereby inhibit the intracellular responses by agonists or partial agonists. Antagonists do not diminish the baseline intracellular response in the absence of an agonist or partial agonist. As used herein, the term "agonist" is intended to mean moieties that activate the intracellular response when they bind to the receptor, or enhance GTP binding to membranes. In the context of the present invention, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a 5HT_{2C} receptor agonist of the invention can be utilized for modulating the activity of the 5HT_{2C} receptor, decreasing food intake, inducing satiation (i.e., the feeling of fullness), controlling weight gain, treating obesity, decreasing body weight and/or affecting metabolism such that the recipient loses weight and/or maintains weight. Such pharmaceutical compositions can be used in the context of disorders and/or diseases where weight gain is a component of the disease and/or disorder such as, for example, obesity.

As used herein, the term "contact" or "contacting" shall mean bringing the indicated moieties together, whether in an in vitro system or an in vivo system. Thus, "contacting" an 5HT_{2C} receptor with a compound of the invention includes the administration of a compound of the invention to an animal having an 5HT_{2C} receptor, as well as, for example, introducing a compound of the invention into a sample containing a cellular or more purified preparation containing an 5HT_{2C} receptor.

Compounds of the invention include those having the Formula (I), shown below:



wherein:

R_1 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H; or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

5 R_3 and R_4 are each independently H, halogen, perhalo alkyl, (preferably CF_3), CN , OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

10 or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R_5 is independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl; and

15 R_6 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof provided that:

(A) if R_2 is methyl and R_1 and R_3 are both H, then R_4 is not thiazole, substituted thiazole or a thiazole derivative:

(B) if R_6 is other than H, then neither R_3 nor R_4 can be H;

20 (C) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be NHR_5 or $N(R_5)_2$;

(D) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative; and

25 (E) if R_3 is OH, and R_1 is methyl then R_2 cannot be cyclopentyl, $-CH_2$ -cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclohexyl; or provided (A), (B), (C), (D) above, and if R_4 is OR_5 , then R_2 cannot be alkyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds and methods of the invention, when R_1 , R_{2a} , R_3 and R_6 are H and R_2 is methyl, then R_4 cannot be a
30 chlorine atom.

In other embodiments of the compounds and methods of the invention, when R_1 , R_{2a} , R_3 and R_6 are H and R_2 is methyl, then R_4 can be a chlorine atom.

5 In some embodiments, if R_4 is OR_5 , then R_2 cannot be cyclopentyl, $-CH_2-$ cyclohexyl, 3,3-dimethyl-2-allyl, 3,3-dimethyl-2-methylallyl, 2-methylallyl, 2-butenyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclohexyl, or allyl.

10 It will be appreciated that compounds of Formula (I) may have one or more chiral centers, and exist as enantiomers or diastereomers. The invention is to be understood to extend to all such enantiomers, diastereomers and mixtures thereof, including racemates. Formula (I) and the formulae hereinafter are intended to represent all individual isomers and mixtures thereof, unless stated or shown otherwise.

15 As used herein, the term "alkyl" is intended to denote hydrocarbon groups including straight chain, branched and cyclic hydrocarbons, including for example but not limited to methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopropylmethyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, tert-pentyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, n-hexyl, cyclohexyl, and the like. Throughout this specification, it should be understood that the term alkyl is intended to encompass both non-cyclic hydrocarbon groups and cyclic hydrocarbon groups.

20 In some embodiments of the compounds of the invention, alkyl groups are non-cyclic. In further embodiments, alkyl groups are cyclic, and in further embodiments, alkyl groups are both cyclic and noncyclic. Where no preference is specified, the term "alkyl" is intended to denote groups that are both cyclic and non-cyclic.

25 As used herein, the term "alkenyl" is intended to denote hydrocarbon compounds including straight chain, branched and cyclic hydrocarbons that contain at least one double bond, including for example but not limited to allyl, 2-methyl-allyl, 4-but-3-enyl, 4-hex-5-enyl, 3-methyl-but-2-enyl, cyclohex-2-enyl and the like.

30 As used herein, the term "halogen" has its normal meaning of period seven elements, including F, Cl, Br and I.

The term "alkoxy" is intended to denote substituents of the formula -O-alkyl, including -O-allyl. The term "lower" when used in connection with substituents such as alkyl indicates 6 carbons or less.

5 The term "arylalkyl" or "aralkyl" is intended to denote an alkyl group that bears an aryl substituent, for example a benzyl group. The term "alkylaryl" or "alkaryl" is intended to denote an aryl group that bears an alkyl substituent, for example a 4-methylphenyl group.

10 As used herein, the term "aryl" is intended to mean monocyclic and polycyclic aromatic groups. Although aryl groups can include as few as 3 carbon atoms, preferred aryl groups have 6 to about 14 carbon atoms, more preferably 6 to about 10 carbon atoms. Examples of aryl groups include but are not limited to phenyl, naphthyl, anthracyl, phenanthryl and pyrenyl.

15 The term "heteroaryl" is intended to denote an aryl group that contains at least one, and preferably from one to four ring "hetero" (i.e., non-carbon, e.g., O, N or S) atom. Examples of "heteroaryl" groups are radicals derived from 5- and 6-member aryl ring compounds having from one to four nitrogen, sulfur and/or oxygen atoms, for example pyrrole, pyrazole, imidazole, triazole, tetrazole, pyridine, pyrimidine, furan, pyran, thiophene, benzimidazole, quinoline, isoquinoline, oxazole, thiazole, and thiadiazole.

20 As used herein the term heteroarylalkyl means an alkyl group that bears a heteroaryl substituent, for example a group having the structure -CH₂-pyrrole-2-yl.

25 The term "substituted thiazole" means a radical derived from thiazole that bears at least one substituent group. The term "thiazole derivative" means a fused ring system in which one of the fused rings is thiazole.

The term "substituted imidazole" means a radical derived from imidazole that bears at least one substituent group. The term "imidazole derivative" means a fused ring system in which one of the fused rings is imidazole.

30 In some embodiments of the invention, R₄ is OR₅. In some such embodiments, R₂ cannot be cyclopentyl, -CH₂-cyclohexyl, 3,3-dimethyl-2-allyl, 3,3-dimethyl-2-methylallyl, 2-methylallyl, 2-butenyl, cyclopropylmethyl,

cyclohexyl, or allyl. In further such embodiments, R₂ cannot be alkyl.

In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₃ is halogen and R₄ is

–OR₅. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₅ is allyl, 2-methyl-allyl, 4-but-3-enyl, 4-hex-5-enyl, 3-methyl-but-2-enyl or cyclohex-2-enyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₅ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl or allyl. In some embodiments of the compounds of Formula (I), R₅ is methyl or allyl.

Certain substituents of the compounds disclosed herein can optionally be substituted, i.e., they can optionally bear further substituent groups. Some preferred substituent groups include halogen, lower alkyl (including but not limited to methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl, tert-butyl, and methylcyclopropyl), alkoxy, mono-, di- or trihaloalkoxy (e.g., –O-CX₃ where X is halogen), –(CH₂)_nNH₂, –(CH₂)_nNHBoc, –N(R_{4a})(R_{4b}), phenyl, methoxyphenyl and naphthyl.

At various places in the present specification substituents of compounds of the invention are disclosed in groups or in ranges. It is specifically intended that the invention include each and every individual subcombination of the members of such groups and ranges. For example, the term “C₁₋₈ alkyl” is specifically intended to individually disclose methyl, ethyl, C₃ alkyl, C₄ alkyl, C₅ alkyl, C₆ alkyl, C₇ alkyl and C₈ alkyl.

In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula (I) are selected from:

8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Propyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-1-oxa-7-aza-

cycloheptaindene; 7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 1-Methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Propyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 1-Ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(2-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 8-bromo-1-methoxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula (I) are selected from:

N-methyl-8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Iodo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and N-methyl-7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula (I) are selected from:

N-methyl-8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-7,8-Dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-methyl-8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and N-methyl-8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula (I) are selected from:

8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-7-

methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; N-Methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the compounds of Formula (I) are selected from:

8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 7,8-Dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; 8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and 8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

The compounds of the invention may contain one or more asymmetric carbon atoms, so that the compounds can exist in different stereoisomeric forms. The compounds can be, for example, racemates or optically active forms. The optically active forms can be obtained by resolution of the racemates or by asymmetric synthesis. In some embodiments, compounds of Formula (I) are *R* enantiomers. In some embodiments, compounds of Formula (I) are *S* enantiomers. In some embodiments, compounds of Formula (I) are varying mixtures of enantiomers.

According to a further aspect of the invention, compounds of Formula (I) are provided for use in therapy. The compounds of Formula (I) can be used in the

prophylaxis or treatment of disorders associated with 5-HT_{2C} receptor function.

The compounds of Formula (I) can be used in the prophylaxis or treatment of central nervous disorders such as depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or
5 panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory
10 disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa or premenstrual tension; damage of the central nervous system such as by trauma, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases or toxic or infective CNS diseases such as encephalitis or meningitis; cardiovascular disorders such as thrombosis; gastrointestinal disorders such as dysfunction of gastrointestinal
15 motility; diabetes insipidus; and sleep apnea.

According to a further aspect of the invention, there is provided use of a compound of Formula (I) in the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of the disorders disclosed herein. In a preferred embodiment, there is
20 provided a use of a compound of Formula (I) in the manufacture of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of obesity.

The compounds according to the invention may optionally exist as pharmaceutically acceptable salts including pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids including inorganic and organic acids. Such acids include acetic, benzenesulfonic,
25 benzoic, camphorsulfonic, citric, ethenesulfonic, dichloroacetic, formic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hippuric, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, isethionic, lactic, maleic, malic, mandelic, methanesulfonic, mucic, nitric, oxalic, pamoic, pantothenic, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, oxalic, p-toluenesulfonic and the like, such as the pharmaceutically acceptable salts listed in Journal of Pharmaceutical
30 Science, 66, 2 (1977) and incorporated herein by reference.

The acid addition salts can be obtained as the direct products of compound

synthesis. In the alternative, the free base can be dissolved in a suitable solvent containing the appropriate acid, and the salt isolated by evaporating the solvent or otherwise separating the salt and solvent. The compounds of this invention may form solvates with standard low molecular weight solvents using methods known to the skilled artisan.

Compositions of the invention may conveniently be administered in unit dosage form and can be prepared by any of the methods well known in the pharmaceutical art, for example, as described in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* (Mack Pub. Co., Easton, PA, 1980).

The compounds of the invention can be employed as the sole active agent in a pharmaceutical or can be used in combination with other active ingredients which could facilitate the therapeutic effect of the compound.

Compounds of the present invention or a solvate or physiologically functional derivative thereof can be used as active ingredients in pharmaceutical compositions, specifically as 5HT_{2C} receptor agonists. By the term "active ingredient" is defined in the context of a "pharmaceutical composition" and shall mean a component of a pharmaceutical composition that provides the primary pharmaceutical benefit, as opposed to an "inactive ingredient" which would generally be recognized as providing no pharmaceutical benefit. The term "pharmaceutical composition" shall mean a composition comprising at least one active ingredient and at least one ingredient that is not an active ingredient (for example and not limitation, a filler, dye, or a mechanism for slow release), whereby the composition is amenable to use for a specified, efficacious outcome in a mammal (for example, and not limitation, a human).

The data developed herein supports the conclusion that the presently disclosed 5HT_{2C} receptor agonists are of use for the treatment or prophylaxis of clinical obesity or overweight disorders in mammals, including, but not limited to, human. Compounds of the present invention can be administered by oral, sublingual, parenteral, rectal, topical administration or by a transdermal patch. Transdermal patches dispense a drug at a controlled rate by presenting the drug for absorption in an efficient manner with a minimum of degradation of the drug.

Typically, transdermal patches comprise an impermeable backing layer, a single pressure sensitive adhesive and a removable protective layer with a release liner. One of ordinary skill in the art will understand and appreciate the techniques appropriate for manufacturing a desired efficacious transdermal patch based upon the needs of the artisan.

In addition to the neutral forms of compounds of the present invention, by appropriate addition of an ionizable substituent, which does not alter the receptor specificity of the compound, physiologically acceptable salts of the compounds may also be formed and used as therapeutic agents. Different amounts of the compounds of the present invention will be required to achieve the desired biological effect. The amount will depend on factors such as the specific compound, the use for which it is intended, the means of administration, and the condition of the treated individual – all of these dosing parameters are within the level of one of ordinary skill in the medicinal arts. A typical dose can be expected to fall in the range of 0.001 to 200 mg per kilogram of body weight of the mammal. Unit doses may contain from 1 to 200 mg of the compounds of the present invention and can be administered one or more times a day, individually or in multiples.

Pharmaceutical compositions, including, but not limited to, pharmaceutical compositions, comprising at least one compound of the present invention and/or an acceptable salt or solvate thereof (e.g., a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate) as an active ingredient combined with at least one carrier or excipient (e.g., pharmaceutical carrier or excipient) can be used in the treatment of clinical conditions for which a 5HT_{2C} receptor agonist is indicated. At least one compound of the present invention can be combined with the carrier in either solid or liquid form in a unit dose formulation. The pharmaceutical carrier must be compatible with the other ingredients in the composition and must be tolerated by the individual recipient. Other physiologically active ingredients can be incorporated into the pharmaceutical composition of the invention if desired, and if such ingredients are compatible with the other ingredients in the composition. Formulations can be prepared by any suitable method, typically by uniformly

mixing the active compound(s) with liquids or finely divided solid carriers, or both, in the required proportions, and then, if necessary, forming the resulting mixture into a desired shape.

Conventional excipients, such as binding agents, fillers, acceptable wetting agents, tableting lubricants, and disintegrants can be used in tablets and capsules for oral administration. Liquid preparations for oral administration can be in the form of solutions, emulsions, aqueous or oily suspensions, and syrups. Alternatively, the oral preparations can be in the form of dry powder that can be reconstituted with water or another suitable liquid vehicle before use. Additional additives such as suspending or emulsifying agents, non-aqueous vehicles (including edible oils), preservatives, and flavorings and colorants can be added to the liquid preparations. Parenteral dosage forms can be prepared by dissolving the compound of the invention in a suitable liquid vehicle and filter sterilizing the solution before filling and sealing an appropriate vial or ampoule. These are just a few examples of the many appropriate methods well known in the art for preparing dosage forms.

It is noted that when the $5HT_{2C}$ receptor agonists are utilized as active ingredients in a pharmaceutical composition, these are not intended for use only in humans, but in other non-human mammals as well. Indeed, recent advances in the area of animal health-care mandate that consideration be given for the use of $5HT_{2C}$ receptor agonists for the treatment of obesity in domestic animals (*e.g.*, cats and dogs), and $5HT_{2C}$ receptor agonists in other domestic animals where no disease or disorder is evident (*e.g.*, food-oriented animals such as cows, chickens, fish, etc.). Those of ordinary skill in the art are readily credited with understanding the utility of such compounds in such settings.

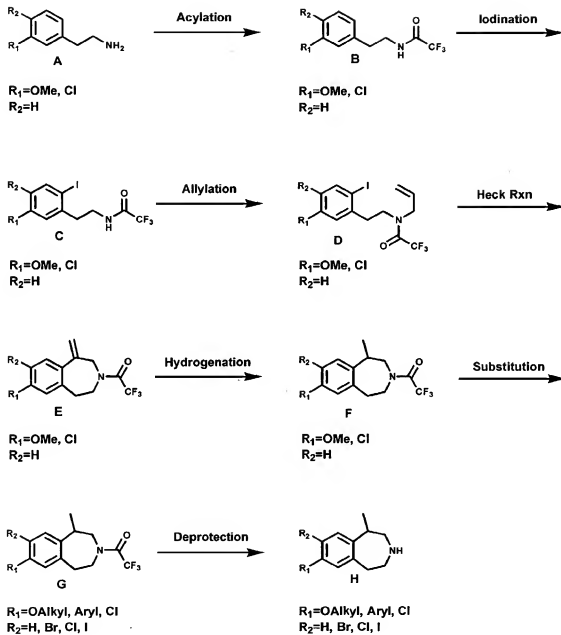
The compounds of the present invention can be readily prepared according to a variety of synthetic manipulations, all of which would be familiar to one skilled in the art. A representative general synthesis is set forth below in Scheme

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Scheme I

GENERAL REACTION SCHEME

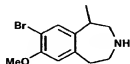
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Those of skill in the art will appreciate that a wide variety of compounds of the invention can be prepared according to Scheme I. For example, by starting with an appropriately substituted 2-phenyl ethylamino compound A having any of a wide variety of substituents R_1 and R_2 , the corresponding 7- and/or 8-substituted 1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (compound H) can be prepared. N-alkylation can be accomplished by, for example, treatment with excess paraformaldehyde (for methylation) or a higher order aldehyde, followed by reduction with NaBH_3CN according to the general procedure of synthetic examples 9 and 10, *infra*. In addition, by starting with an appropriately substituted 1-alkyl-2-phenyl ethylamino compound A having any of a wide variety of substituents R_1 and R_2 , the corresponding 7- and/or 8-substituted 2,5-dialkyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine compound can be prepared.

In the synthesis of many compounds of the invention, protecting groups can be required to protect various functionality or functionalities during the synthesis. Representative protecting groups suitable for a wide variety of synthetic transformations are disclosed in Greene and Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, 2d ed, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1991, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

As will be recognized, the steps of the methods of the present invention need not be performed any particular number of times or in any particular sequence. Additional objects, advantages, and novel features of this invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon examination of the following examples thereof, which are intended to be illustrative and not intended to be limiting.

Examples**Synthetic Examples****Example 1: (R,S) 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine***N-Trifluoroacetyl-3-methoxyphenethylamine*

A solution of 3-methoxyphenethylamine (10.0 g, 64.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (150 mL), was cooled to 0 C, and treated with pyridine (6.5 mL, 83.5 mmol) followed by the dropwise addition of trifluoroacetic anhydride (17.9 g, 83.5 mmol) and the resulting mixture stirred for 3 hours while warming to 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (500 mL), washed sequentially with 10% aqueous HCl (100 mL), water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 15.8 g of a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (dd, J=8, 8 Hz, 1 H), 6.81 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (s, 1 H), 6.30 (bs, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.62 (dd, J=7, 7 Hz, 2 H), 2.86 (dd, J=7, 7 Hz, 2 H). MS calculated for C₁₁H₁₂F₃NO₂+H: 248, observed: 248.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-3-methoxyphenethylamine (15.8 g, 64 mmol) in methanol (325 mL) was cooled to -78 C, and treated with CaCO₃ (14.7 g, 145 mmol), followed by a solution of ICl (29 g, 181 mmol) in methanol (40 mL). The reaction was allowed to warm to 20 C while stirring overnight and then filtered, concentrated, dissolved in EtOAc (200 mL), washed twice with 5% aqueous sodium bisulfite (100 mL), once with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 23.8 g of a white solid powder. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 (d, J=9 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 6.57 (d, J=9 Hz, 1 H), 6.42 (bs, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (dd, J=7, 7 Hz, 2 H), 2.99 (dd, J=7, 7 Hz, 2 H). MS calculated for C₁₁H₁₁F₃INO₂+H: 374, observed: 374.

N-Allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (23.8 g, 63.8 mmol) in toluene (425 mL) was sequentially treated with K_2CO_3 (12.4 g, 89.8 mmol), KOH (11.6 g, 207 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (2.2 g, 6.9 mmol) and allyl bromide (10.7 g, 89.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3.5 hours, cooled to 20 °C, acidified with 10% aqueous HCl, separated and the aqueous phase extracted with ether (500 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (200 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 20.5 g of a brown oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), mixture of rotamers δ 7.67 (m, 1 H), 6.80 (m, 1 H), 6.57 (m, 1 H), 5.9-5.6 (bm, 1 H), 5.27 (m, 2 H), 4.11 (d, J=6 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.85 (d, J=6 Hz, 0.5 H), 3.77 (m, 3 H), 3.55 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (m, 2 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₅F₃INO₂+H: 414, observed: 414.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (20.5 g, 50 mmol) in dimethylformamide (250 mL) is treated with KOAc (14.6 g, 149 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (16.0 g, 50 mmol), PPh₃ (1.3 g, 5.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.56 g, 2.5 mmol) and stirred overnight at 90 °C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 °C, filtered, diluted with water (500 mL) and extracted with ether (3 x 500 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 6.6 g of a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 5.34-5.19 (m, 2 H), 4.40 (m, 2 H), 3.83 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.00 (m, 2 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₄F₃NO₂+H: 285, observed: 285.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (6.6 g, 23.2 mmol) in ethanol (100 mL), was treated with 10% Pd/C (0.75 g, 2.3 mmol) and stirred overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen.

The product mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and silica and the solvent removed to give 6.27 g of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.74 (m, 1 H), 6.68 (m, 1 H), 4.1-3.8 (bm, 2 H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.5 (m, 1.5 H), 3.4 (m, 0.5 H), 3.2-2.9 (bm, 4 H), 1.32 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₆F₃NO₂+H: 288, observed: 288.

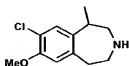
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (1.25 g, 4.35 mmol) in acetonitrile (40 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.852 g, 4.79 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), washed with saturated aqueous sodium bisulfite (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 1.55 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.34 (s, 1 H), 6.65 (m, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.55 (m, 1.3 H), 3.37 (m, 0.7 H), 3.2-2.9 (bm, 4 H), 1.30 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₅BrF₃NO₂+H: 366, observed: 366.

8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.95 g, 2.59 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (25 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with water (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.687 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1 H), 6.34 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (bs, 1 H), 1.31 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₂H₁₆BrNO+H: 270, observed: 270.

Example 2: (R,S) 8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



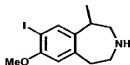
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.900 g, 2.67 mmol) in acetonitrile (30 mL) was treated with *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.357 g, 2.67 mmol) and stirred overnight at 70 °C. The product mixture was diluted with water (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (100 mL), the combined organic phases washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.399 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.17 (s, 1 H), 6.68 (m, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.6-3.3 (m, 2 H), 3.2-2.9 (m, 4 H), 1.34 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₅ClF₃NO₂+H: 322, observed: 322.

8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.399 g, 1.24 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (20 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with water (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.306 g of a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (s, 1 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.0-2.8 (m, 6 H), 2.62 (m, 1 H), 2.16 (bs, 1 H), 1.24 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₂H₁₆ClNO+H: 226, observed: 226.

Example 3: (R,S) 8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



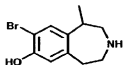
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (1.50 g, 5.22 mmol) in methanol (70 mL) was treated with CaCO_3 (1.06 g, 10.44 mmol) followed by a solution of ICl (1.70 g, 10.44 mmol) in methanol (10 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was filtered, concentrated, dissolved in EtOAc (200 mL), extracted twice with 5% aqueous sodium bisulfite (100 mL), once with brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 1.54 g of a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , mixture of rotamers) δ 7.55 (m, 1 H), 6.57 (m, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (m, 1 H), 3.60-3.30 (m, 2 H), 3.20-2.80 (m, 4 H), 1.30 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{INO}_2 + \text{H}$: 414, observed: 414.

8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.600 g, 1.45 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (20 mL), and stirred for 3 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 0.425 g of a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (s, 1 H), 6.57 (s, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.12-3.06 (m, 4 H), 2.95 (m, 2 H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (bs, 1 H), 1.33 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{INO} + \text{H}$: 318, observed: 318.

Example 4: (R,S) 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



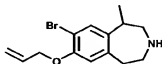
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (1.50 g, 4.10 mmol) in dichloromethane (80 mL) was treated dropwise with BBr_3 (9.4 mL of a 1.0M solution in CH_2Cl_2 , 9.4 mmol), and the mixture stirred overnight while warming to 20 C. The excess BBr_3 was quenched with the dropwise addition of water, the mixture diluted with ether (200 mL), washed with Na_2CO_3 (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 1.25 g of a white solid foam. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , mixture of rotamers) δ 7.25 (s, 1 H), 6.79 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.7-3.3 (m, 2 H), 3.2-2.8 (m, 4 H), 1.32 (m, 3 H).

8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.655 g, 1.89 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (20 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 0.460 g of a clear oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 7.11 (s, 1 H), 6.65 (s, 1 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 2.73 (m, 5 H), 2.55 (m, 1 H), 1.19 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNO}+\text{H}$: 256, observed: 256.

Example 5: (R,S) 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



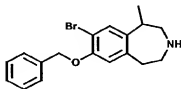
N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.150 g, 0.426 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was treated with allyl bromide (0.155 g, 1.28 mmol) and DBU (0.195 g, 1.28 mmol) and then stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.149 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.34 (s, 1 H), 6.65 (m, 1 H), 6.04 (m, 1 H), 5.47 (d, J=17 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J=9 Hz, 1 H), 4.59 (s, 2 H), 3.80 (m, 1 H), 3.6-3.3 (m, 3 H), 3.2-2.8 (m, 4 H), 1.31 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₆H₁₇BrF₃NO₂+H: 392, observed: 392.

7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (1.18 g, 3.00 mmol) in methanol (35 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (35 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (200 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (200 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.880 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (s, 1 H), 6.63 (s, 1 H), 6.04 (m, 1 H), 5.47 (d, J=17 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (d, J=11 Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 3.01 (m, 3 H), 2.89 (m, 3 H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 1.31 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₈BrNO+H: 296, observed: 296.

Example 6: (R,S) 7-Benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



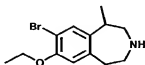
N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.075 g, 0.213 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was treated with benzyl bromide (0.072 g, 0.64 mmol), DBU (0.100 g, 0.64 mmol), and stirred 2 hours at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.081 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₂₀H₁₉BrF₃NO₂+H: 442, observed: 442.

7-Benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.81 g, 1.83 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (20 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with water (200 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (200 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.412 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (d, J=8 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (dd, J=7, 8 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (m, 2 H), 6.61 (s, 1 H), 5.03 (s, 2 H), 2.94 (m, 3 H), 2.81 (m, 3 H), 2.62 (m, 1 H), 2.30 (bs, 1 H), 1.24 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₈H₂₀BrNO+H: 346, observed: 346.

Example 7: (R,S) 8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



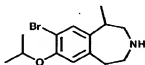
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.015 g, 0.043 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with ethyl iodide (0.016 g, 0.102 mmol), DBU (0.016 g, 0.102 mmol) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.010 g of a clear oil.

8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.010 g, 0.026 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (1 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (3 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.007 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (s, 1 H), 6.63 (s, 1 H), 4.07 (q, J=6 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (m, 3 H), 2.91 (m, 3 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 2.26 (bs, 1 H), 1.46 (t, J=6 Hz, 3 H), 1.32 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₇BrF₃NO₂+H: 380, observed: 380.

Example 8: (R,S) 8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



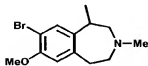
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.035 g, 0.099 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with isopropyl bromide (0.037 g, 0.297 mmol), DBU (0.048 g, 0.205 mmol) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.014 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₆H₁₉BrF₃NO₂+H: 394, observed: 394.

8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.014 g, 0.035 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (1 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (3 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (3 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.008 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 4.48 (m, 1 H), 2.98 (m, 3 H), 2.87 (m, 3 H), 1.36 (m, 6 H), 1.30 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₂₀BrNO+H: 298, observed: 298.

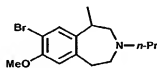
Example 9: (R,S) N-Methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



A solution of 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (6 mg, .022 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with excess paraformaldehyde, 1.0 M HCl in ether (0.004 mL, 0.004 mmol), NaBH₃CN (1.0 mg, 0.013 mmol), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted

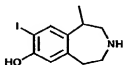
with 5% aqueous NaOH (5 mL), extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL each), the combined organic phases were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, silica) resulted in 5 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (s, 1 H), 6.66 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.26 (bm, 2 H), 3.01 (bs, 1 H), 2.85 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.45-2.25 (m, 2 H), 1.36 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₈BrNO+H: 284, observed: 284.

Example 10: (R,S) N-Propyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



A solution of 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepine (6 mg, .022 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with propionaldehyde (5.0 mg, 0.067 mmol), 1.0 M HCl in ether (0.004 mL, 0.004 mmol), NaBH₃CN (1.0 mg, 0.013 mmol), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with 5% aqueous NaOH (5 mL), extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL each), the combined organic phases were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, silica) resulted in 4 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.33 (s, 1 H), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.25 (m, 2 H), 3.11 (m, 2 H), 2.97 (m, 1 H), 2.78 (bm, 2 H), 2.63 (bm, 2 H), 1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.38 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H), 0.96 (t, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₅H₂₂BrNO+H: 312, observed: 312.

Example 11: (R,S) 7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



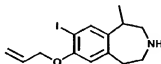
N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (80 mg, 0.19 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 mL) was treated with BBr₃ (0.40 mL of a 1.0M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 0.40 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 C. The excess BBr₃ was quenched with water and the product mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL), washed with Na₂CO₃ (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 74 mg of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₃F₃INO₂+H: 400, observed: 400.

7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (25 mg, 0.063 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 13 mg of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.46 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 3.16 (m, 3 H), 2.94 (m, 3 H), 2.81 (m, 1 H), 1.35 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₁H₁₄INO+H: 304, observed: 304.

Example 12: (R,S) 7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

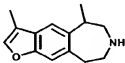
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (30 mg, 0.075 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was treated with allyl bromide (18 mg, 0.15 mmol), DBU (23 mg, 0.15 mmol) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and

concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 23 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{17}F_3INO_2 + H$: 440, observed: 440.

7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (23 mg, 0.058 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 18 mg of a white solid. MS calculated for $C_{14}H_{18}INO + H$: 344, observed: 344.

Example 13: (R,S) 3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaindene



N-trifluoroacetyl-3,5-dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaindene

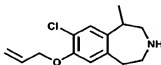
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (158 mg, 0.360 mmol) in dimethylformamide (4 mL) was treated with KOAc (106 mg, 1.08 mmol), *n*-Bu₄NBr (116 mg, 0.360 mmol), PPh₃ (13 mg, 0.036 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (4 mg, 0.018 mmol) and stirred overnight at 100 C. The product mixture was filtered, water (10 mL) added and then extracted twice with EtOAc (10 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 15 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{16}F_3NO_2 + H$: 312, observed: 312.

3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaindene

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-3,5-dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-1-oxa-

7-aza-cycloheptaidene (15 mg, 0.048 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 10 mg of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (s, 1 H), 7.12 (s, 1 H), 7.09 (s, 1 H), 3.12 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (m, 4 H), 2.85 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (bm, 1 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₇NO+H: 216, observed: 216.

Example 14: (R,S) 7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (48 mg, 0.15 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was treated with BBr₃ (0.30 mL of a 1.0M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 0.30 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 C. The excess BBr₃ was quenched with water and the resulting mixture diluted with ether (20 mL), washed with Na₂CO₃ (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 24 mg of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₃ClF₃NO₂+H: 308, observed: 308.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

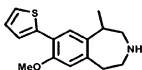
A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (24 mg, 0.078 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was treated with allyl bromide (18 mg, 0.15 mmol), DBU (23 mg, 0.15 mmol) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL),

washed with 5% aqueous HCl (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 23 mg of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₆H₁₇ClF₃NO₂+H: 348, observed: 348.

5 *7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine*

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (23 mg, 0.066 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 19 mg of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.12 (s, 1 H), 6.81 (s, 1 H), 6.03 (m, 1 H), 5.43 (d, J=17 Hz, 1 H), 5.24 (d, J=10 Hz, 1 H), 4.57 (d, J=5 Hz, 2 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 5 H), 2.81 (m, 1 H), 2.63 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H).

15 **Example 15: (R,S) 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**

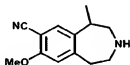


20 *N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine*

A solution of N-trifluoromethylacetyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepine (51 mg, 0.14 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) was treated with thiophene-2-boronic acid (36 mg, 0.28 mmol), K₂CO₃ (58 mg, 0.42 mmol), water (0.1 mL), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (16 mg, 0.014 mmol) and stirred overnight at 100 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc, filtered, absorbed on silica and purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 28 mg of a yellow solid. MS calculated for C₁₈H₁₈F₃NO₂S+H: 370, observed: 370.

7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (28 mg, 0.076 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred 0.5 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 18 mg of a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J=4 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (s, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J=6 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (dd, J=4, 6 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (s, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.22 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₆H₁₉NOS+H: 274, observed: 274.

Example 16: (R,S) 8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine*N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine*

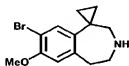
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (18 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dimethylformamide (1 mL) was treated with CuCN (20 mg, 0.24 mmol) and the mixture was microwaved at 200 C for 0.5 hours. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (35% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 10 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₅F₃N₂O₂+H: 313, observed: 313.

8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (10 mg, 0.032 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred 1 hour at 50 C. The product

mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 6.0 mg of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.33 (s, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.18-2.97 (m, 5 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (m, 1 H), 1.33 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₆N₂O+H: 217, observed: 217.

Example 17: (R,S) 8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of diethyl zinc (1 mL, 1 M in hexanes) in dichloromethane (1 mL) at 0 °C was treated with trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) and the mixture stirred for 15 min. Diiodomethane (0.280 g, 1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was then added and stirred for 15 minutes. N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.075 g, 0.26 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for 30 minutes at 0 °C and then for 2 hours at 20 °C. The product mixture was quenched with aqueous saturated NH₄Cl (5 mL), extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL), washed with H₂O (10 mL), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (7% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.050 g of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₆F₃NO₂+H: 300, observed: 300.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

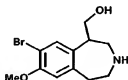
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.025 g, 0.08 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.032 g, 0.18 mmol) and stirred for 2 hrs. at 50

C. The product mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulting in 0.014 g of a white solid. MS calculated for $C_{15}H_{15}BrF_3NO_2+H$: 378, observed: 378.

5 *8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine*

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.014 g, 0.037 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (1 mL), and stirred for 2 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (10 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (10 mL), dried with $MgSO_4$, and concentrated to give 0.008 g of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.26 (s, 1 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.92 (m, 2 H), 2.67 (s, 2 H), 0.91 (m, 2 H), 0.85 (m, 2 H). MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{16}BrNO+H$: 282, observed: 282.

15 **Example 18: (R,S) 8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**



N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

20 A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.100 g, 0.35 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) was treated with BH_3 -THF complex (0.36 mL, 1 M in THF), and stirred for 30 min. at 20 C. Water (0.5 mL), saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (0.5 mL), and 30% H_2O_2 (0.2 mL) were added sequentially and the reaction stirred for 30 min. at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (33% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.035 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_3NO_3+H$: 304, observed: 304.

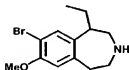
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-

benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoromethylacetyl-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.035 g, 0.12 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.025 g, 0.14 mmol), and stirred for 30 min. at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated and then purified by flash chromatography (33% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 0.019 g clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{14}H_{15}BrF_3NO_3+H$: 382, observed: 382.

8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.009 g, 0.024 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (1 mL), and stirred for 1 hour at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), dried with $MgSO_4$, and concentrated to give 0.006 g clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.28 (s, 1 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 2 H), 3.0-2.8 (m, 7 H). MS calculated for $C_{12}H_{16}BrNO_2+H$: 286, observed: 286.

Example 19: (R,S) 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine*N-Crotyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine*

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (6.68 g, 17.9 mmol) in toluene (100 mL) was treated with K_2CO_3 (3.22 g, 23.3 mmol), KOH (3.01 g, 53.7 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (0.580 g, 1.80 mmol) and crotyl bromide (3.15 g, 23.3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 75 C for 16 hours, cooled to 20 C, diluted with Et₂O (500 mL), washed with 10% aqueous HCl (500 mL) and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 5.22 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{15}H_{17}F_3INO_2+H$: 428, observed: 428.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-ethylene-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-crotyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (5.20 g, 12.2 mmol) in dimethylformamide (80 mL) was treated with KOAc (3.59 g, 36.6 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (3.93 g, 12.2 mmol), PPh₃ (0.320 g, 1.22 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.137 g, 0.61 mmol) and stirred overnight at 90 C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 C, diluted with water (200 mL), extracted twice with ether (500 mL), the combined organic phases washed twice with brine (200 mL), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 2.29 g of a clear oil, which consists of a mixture of olefinic isomers. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₆F₃NO₂+H: 300, observed: 300.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-ethylene-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (2.29 g, 7.65 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) was treated with 10% Pd/C (4.0 g, 0.77 mmol) and stirred overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen. The product mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and silica, and the solvent removed to give 2.14 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₈F₃NO₂+H: 302, observed: 302.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

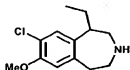
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.710 g, 2.36 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.504 g, 2.83 mmol), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.561 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₇BrF₃NO₂+H: 380, observed: 380.

8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-

tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.561 g, 1.48 mmol) in methanol (30 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (30 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (200 mL), dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated to give 0.412 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.24 (s, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.02 (m, 3 H), 2.91 (s, 1 H), 2.85-2.76 (m, 3 H), 2.63 (m, 1 H), 1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.72 (m, 1 H), 0.94 (dd, J=8, 8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₈BrNO+H: 284, observed: 284.

Example 20: (R,S) 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine

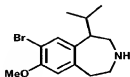
A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.600 g, 1.99 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was treated with *N*-chlorosuccinimide (0.057 g, 0.32 mmol), and stirred overnight at 60 C. The product mixture was concentrated, diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.421 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₇ClF₃NO₂+H: 336, observed: 336.

8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.421 g, 1.25 mmol) in methanol (30 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (30 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (100 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (200 mL), dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated to give 0.241 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.05 (s, 1 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (m, 3 H), 2.91 (s, 1 H), 2.86-2.76 (m, 3 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.72 (m, 1 H),

0.93 (dd, J=8, 8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{18}ClNO+H$: 240, observed: 240.

Example 21: (R,S) 8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-(3-methylbut-2-enyl), *N*-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (0.700 g, 1.88 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was treated with K_2CO_3 (0.340 g, 2.4 mmol), KOH (0.210 g, 3.76 mmol), *n*-Bu₄NBr (0.060 g, 0.19 mmol) and 4-bromo-2-methyl-2-butene (0.364 g, 2.44 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 3 hours, cooled to 20 °C, diluted with ether (100 mL), washed with 10% HCl (50 mL) and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.272 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.65 (m, 1 H), 6.75 (m, 1 H), 6.54 (m, 1 H), 5.20 (m, .4 H), 5.0 (m, .6 H), 4.10 (m, 1 H), 3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (d, 2H), 3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.66(m, 3H).

N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-isopropylene-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-(3-methylbut-2-enyl), *N*-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-5-methoxyphenethylamine (.0272 g, 0.62 mmol) in dimethylformamide (12 mL) was treated with KOAc (0.183 g, 1.86 mmol), *n*-Bu₄NBr (0.200 g, .062 mmol), PPh₃ (0.016g, 0.062 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.183 g, 1.86 mmol) and stirred overnight at 90 °C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 °C, diluted with water (50 mL), extracted twice with ether (50 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.096 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{18}F_3NO_2+H$: 314, observed: 314.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-isopropylene-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.096 g, 0.31 mmol) in ethanol (2 mL) was treated with 10% Pd/C (0.033 g, .031 mmol) and stirred overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen. The product mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and silica, and the solvent removed to give 0.091 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{20}F_3NO_2+H$: 316, observed: 316.

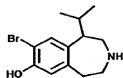
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.091 g, 0.29 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.057 g, 0.32 mmol), and stirred overnight at 20 C. After removing the solvent, flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.056 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{19}BrF_3NO_2+H$: 394, observed: 394.

8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.013 g, 0.03 mmol) in methanol (0.5 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (0.5 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), dried with $MgSO_4$, and concentrated to give 0.10 g of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.08 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 3 H), 3.2-3.10 (m, 3 H), 2.7-2.5 (m, 3 H), 2.3-2.1 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (d, 3 H), 0.63 (d, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{14}H_{20}BrNO+H$: 298, observed: 298.

Example 22: (R,S) 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



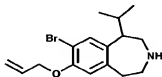
N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.041 g, 0.10 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with BBr₃ (0.32 mL, 1.0 M solution in CH₂Cl₂) and stirred overnight at 20 C. The excess BBr₃ is quenched with water and the resulting mixture diluted with ether (50 mL), washed twice with saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ (20 mL) and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.037 g clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₇BrF₃NO₂+H: 380, observed: 380.

8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.018 g, 0.047 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (1 mL), and stirred for 3 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was brought to pH 7-8 with 10% aqueous HCl, extracted three times with EtOAc (50 mL), dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated to give 0.013 g of a white solid. ¹H NMR (400MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.10 (s, 1 H), 6.60 (s, 1 H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.2-3.0 (m, 2 H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.7-2.5 (m, 2H), 2.3-2.1 (m, 2 H), 1.05 (d, 3 H), 0.73 (d, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₈BrNO+H: 284, observed: 284.

Example 23: (R,S) 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (0.017 g, 0.045 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with *N*'''-tert-butyl-*N*, *N*', *N*'', *N*'''-hexamethylphosphorimidic triamide (0.016 g, 0.068 mmol), allyl bromide (0.011 g, 0.09 mmol) and stirred for

3 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with 10% aqueous HCl, extracted twice with dichloromethane (20 mL), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexanes, silica) resulted in 0.011 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{18}H_{21}BrF_3NO_2 + H$: 420, observed: 420.

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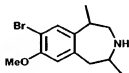
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.011 g, 0.026 mmol) in methanol (0.5 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (0.5 mL), and stirred for 3 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with brine (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), dried with $MgSO_4$, and concentrated to give 0.010 g of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.09 (s, 1 H), 6.62 (s, 1 H), 5.94 (m, 1 H), 5.32 (dd, 1 H), 5.12 (dd, 1H), 4.46 (d, 2H), 3.19 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (m, 2 H), 2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.5 (bm, 2 H), 2.3-2.1 (m, 2 H), 0.95 (d, 3 H), 0.63 (d, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{22}BrNO + H$: 324, observed: 324.

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Example 24: 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



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N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine

A solution of 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine (3.59 g, 21.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (75 mL) at 0 C, was treated with pyridine (2.1 mL, 28.2 mmol), trifluoroacetic anhydride (5.9 g, 28.2 mmol), and then stirred for 3 hours while warming to 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (300 mL), washed sequentially with 10% aqueous HCl (100 mL), water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 4.29 g of a yellow solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.17 (dd, J=8, 8 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (m, 3 H), 4.19 (m, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 2.78 (m, 2 H), 1.21 (d, J=7 Hz, 2 H).

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N-Trifluoroacetyl-1-(2-iodo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine (4.29 g, 15.7 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) was cooled to -78 C and treated with CaCO₃ (3.17 g, 31.4 mmol), followed by a solution of ICl (6.37 g, 39.3 mmol) in methanol (50 mL). The reaction was allowed to warm to 20 C while stirring overnight. The product mixture was filtered, concentrated, dissolved in EtOAc (200 mL), washed twice with 5% aqueous sodium bisulfite (100 mL), once with brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 6.72 g of a white solid powder. MS calculated for C₁₂H₁₃F₃INO₂+H: 388, observed: 388.

N-Allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-1-(2-iodo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-1-(2-iodo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine (6.09 g, 15.7 mmol) in toluene (450 mL) was treated with K₂CO₃ (2.82 g, 20.4 mmol), KOH (2.45 g, 47.1 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (0.506 g, 1.57 mmol) and allyl bromide (2.47 g, 20.4 mmol), and stirred overnight at 80 C. The product mixture was acidified with 10% aqueous HCl, separated, the aqueous phase extracted with ether (500 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (200 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 4.45 g of a brown oil.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-4-methyl-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-1-(2-iodo-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylamine (4.45 g, 10.8 mmol) in dimethylformamide (120 mL) was treated with KOAc (3.17 g, 32.3 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (3.47 g, 10.8 mmol), PPh₃ (0.283 g, 1.08 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.242 g, 1.08 mmol) and stirred overnight at 80 C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 C, filtered, diluted with water (200 mL), extracted with ether (3 x 200 mL), the combined organic phases washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 1.39 g of a yellow oil.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-4-methyl-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (1.39 g, 4.64 mmol) in ethanol (40 mL) was treated with 10% Pd/C (0.49 g, 0.46 mmol) and stirred overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen. The product mixture was filtered through a pad of celite and silica and then concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.77 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.71 (m, 1 H), 6.63 (m, 1 H), 4.38 (bm, 1 H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.6 (m, 1 H), 3.25 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (bm, 2 H), 2.72 (m, 1 H), 1.34 (m, 3 H) 1.22 (m, 3 H).

N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

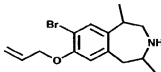
A solution N-trifluoroacetyl-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.452 g, 1.50 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was treated with N-bromosuccinimide (0.294 g, 1.65 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with sodium bisulfite (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.32 (s, 1 H), 6.62 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (m, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.28-3.10 (m, 3 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 1.31 (m, 3 H), 1.25 (m, 3 H).

8-Bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (21 mg, 0.055 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (10 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 11 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.89 (dd, J=9, 14 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.67 (d, J=14 Hz, 1 H), 2.53 (dd, J=10, 13, 1 H) 1.30

(d, J=7 Hz, 3 H), 1.19 (d, J=6 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{18}BrNO+H$: 284, observed: 284.

Example 25: 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.383 g, 1.01 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was treated with BBr_3 (2.35 mL of a 1.0M solution in CH_2Cl_2 , 2.35 mmol) and stirred overnight while warming to 20 C. The excess BBr_3 is quenched with water, and the resulting mixture was diluted with ether (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous Na_2CO_3 (50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.302 g of a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.22 (m, 1 H), 6.77 (m, 1 H), 5.34 (s, 1 H), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.24 (m, 1 H), 3.13 (m, 2 H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 1.31 (m, 3 H), 1.22 (m, 3 H).

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

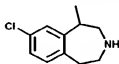
A solution *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.030 g, 0.082 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was treated with allyl bromide (0.030 g, 0.246 mmol), DBU (0.037 g, 0.246 mmol) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (10 mL), washed with 5% aqueous HCl (2 mL), brine (5 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.028 g of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, mixture of rotamers) δ 7.32 (s, 1 H), 6.62 (m, 1 H), 6.02 (m, 1 H), 5.45 (d, J=17 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J=11 Hz, 1

H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 4.36 (m, 1 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.23 (m, 1 H), 3.11 (m, 1 H), 2.81 (d, J=10 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (m, 1 H), 1.34 (m, 3 H), 1.21 (m, 3 H).

7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

5 A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.028 g, 0.069 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred for 3 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (10 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (10 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (10 mL), dried with
10 Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.020 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (s, 1 H), 6.64 (s, 1 H), 6.06 (m, 1 H), 5.47 (d, J=17 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J=11 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (s, 2 H), 3.03 (m, 2 H), 2.90 (dd, J=9, 14 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (d, J=14 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (dd, J=10, 14 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 (bs, 1 H), 1.30 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H), 1.20 (d, J=6 Hz, 3 H).

Example 26: (R,S) 8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-4-chlorophenethylamine

20 A solution of 4-chlorophenethylamine (1.0 g, 6.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was cooled to 0 C, treated with pyridine (1.0 mL, 12.8 mmol), trifluoroacetic anhydride (1.6 g, 7.7 mmol) and then stirred for 1 hour while warming to 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed sequentially with 10% aqueous HCl (50 mL), water (50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 1.6 g of a white solid.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine

25 A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-4-chlorophenethylamine (1.6 g, 6.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was treated with bis(pyridine)iodonium(I)tetrafluoroborate (2.6 g, 7.0 mmol), CF₃SO₃H (2.1 g,

14.1 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, dissolved in EtOAc (100 mL), washed twice with 5% aqueous sodium bisulfite (50 mL), twice with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, (50 mL) once with brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.94 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₀H₈ClF₃INO+H: 378, observed: 378.

N-Allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine (0.94 g, 2.4 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was treated with K₂CO₃ (0.43 g, 3.12 mmol), KOH (0.40 g, 7.2 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (0.077 g, 0.24 mmol) and allyl bromide (0.43 g, 3.6 mmol) sequentially. The mixture was stirred at 80 C for 3.5 hours, cooled to 20 C and acidified with 10% aqueous HCl. The phases were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with ether (100 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.76 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₂ClF₃INO+H: 418, observed: 418.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-allyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine (0.76 g, 1.8 mmol) in dimethylformamide (20 mL) was treated with KOAc (0.53 g, 5.4 mmol), n-Bu₄NBr (0.58 g, 1.8 mmol), PPh₃ (0.047 g, 0.18 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.041 g, 0.18 mmol) and stirred overnight at 105 C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 C, filtered, diluted with water (100 mL), extracted with ether (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic phases washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.228 g of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (s, 1 H), 7.18 (m, 1 H), 7.04 (m, 1 H), 5.38 (m, 2 H), 5.40 (d, J=16 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (m, 2 H), 3.00 (m, 2 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₁ClF₃NO+H: 290, observed: 290.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

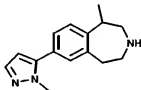
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methylene-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-

3-benzazepine (0.16 g, 0.55 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was treated with 10% Pd/C (0.02 g) and stirred 30 minutes under an atmosphere of hydrogen. The product mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 0.057 g of a white solid. MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{13}ClF_3NO+H$: 292, observed: 292.

8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (65 mg, 0.22 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred for 3.5 hours at 60 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 35 mg of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.11 (s, 1 H), 7.05 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.71 (m, 1 H), 2.68 (bs, 1 H), 1.32 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}ClN+H$: 196, observed: 196.

Example 27: (R,S) 7-(2-Methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.506 g, 1.76 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was treated with BBr_3 (4.1 mL of a 1.0M solution in CH_2Cl_2 , 4.1 mmol) and stirred overnight while warming to 20 C. The excess BBr_3 was quenched with water, and the resulting mixture was diluted with ether (200 mL), washed with Na_2CO_3 (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.460 g of a white solid foam. MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{14}F_3NO_2+H$: 274, observed: 274.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine,
O-trifluoromethanesulfonate

5 A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (460 mg, 1.76 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) was treated with pyridine (417 mg, 5.27 mmol), trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (991 mg, 3.52 mmol) and stirred 1.5 hours at 20 C. The product mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (100 mL), washed with water (50 mL), 5% aqueous HCl (50 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 10 658 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₃F₆NO₄S+H: 406, observed: 406.

N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine

15 To a solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine, *O*-trifluoromethanesulfonate (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) in dimethylformamide (2 mL) was treated with (2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-tri-*n*-butyltin (138 mg, 0.37 mmol), LiCl (21 mg, 0.50 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (35 mg, 0.05 mmol) and stirred at 100 C for 4 hours. The product mixture was diluted 20 with EtOAc (20 mL), washed twice with water (10 mL), once with brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 80 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₇H₁₈F₃N₃O+H: 338, observed: 338.

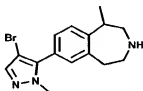
25 7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine (48 mg, 0.14 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and the solution stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), 30 dried with Na₂SO₄ and the solvent evaporated. Flash chromatography (0-15% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, silica) resulted in 30 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃) d 7.48 (s, 1 H), 7.21 (m, 2 H), 7.13 (s, 1 H), 6.27 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.3-2.9 (m, 9 H), 2.79 (dd, J=7, 14 Hz, 1 H), 1.40 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₉N₃+H: 242, observed: 242.

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Example 28: (R,S) 7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-7-(4-bromo-2-Methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

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To a solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-(2-Methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (30 mg, 0.082 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was treated with *N*-bromosuccinimide (15.3 mg, 0.086 mmol) and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was absorbed on silica and purified by flash chromatography (2-5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, silica) resulting in 37 mg of a white crystalline solid. MS calculated for C₁₇H₁₇BrF₃N₃O+H: 416, observed: 416.

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7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

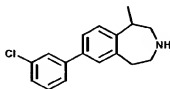
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A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-7-(4-bromo-2-Methyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (37 mg, 0.089 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and the solvent evaporated. Flash chromatography (0-15% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂, silica) resulted in 28 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d 7.50 (s, 1 H), 7.25 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.17 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 8 H), 2.80 (dd, J=7, 13 Hz, 1 H), 2.48 (bs,

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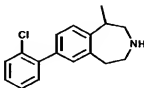
1 H), 1.40 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{15}H_{18}BrN_3+H$: 320, observed: 320.

5 **Example 29: (R,S) 7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**



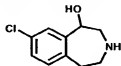
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, *O*-trifluoromethanesulfonate (50 mg, 0.123 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane
10 (1.5 mL) was treated with 2-chlorophenylboronic acid (39 mg, 0.243 mmol), CsF (56 mg, 0.37 mmol), water (50 mg, 2.78 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (29 mg, 0.025 mmol) and stirred overnight at 75 °C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10-20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in
15 45 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}ClF_3NO+H$: 368, observed: 368. The product (27 mg, 0.073 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (2 mL) treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 °C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and the solvent evaporated to give 18 mg of a clear oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$)
20 d 7.54 (s, 1 H), 7.42 (d, $J=6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 5 H), 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 8 H), 2.80 (bm, 2 H), 1.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{17}H_{18}ClN_3+H$: 272, observed: 272.

Example 30: (R,S) 7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, *O*-trifluoromethanesulfonate (50 mg, 0.123 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (1.5 mL) was treated with 2-chlorophenylboronic acid (39 mg, 0.243 mmol), CsF (56 mg, 0.37 mmol), water (50 mg, 2.78 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (29 mg, 0.025 mmol) and stirred overnight at 75 C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10-20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 36 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₉H₁₇ClF₃NO+H: 368, observed: 368. The product (27 mg, 0.073 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (2 mL) treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and the solvent evaporated to give 24 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.22 (m, 5 H), 7.15 (s, 1 H), 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 8 H), 2.80 (dd, J=13, Hz, 1 H), 2.51 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₃+H: 272, observed: 272.

Example 31: (R,S) 8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-oxo-,3,4,5-trihydro-1H-3-benzazepine

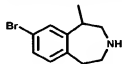
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methylene-3,4,5-trihydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.23 g, 0.80 mmol) in 1:1 methanol/dichloromethane (45 mL) was cooled to -78 C, treated with ozone until the solution turned blue (about 20 minutes), PPh₃ (0.21 g, 0.80 mmol) was added and the resulting solution was

stirred 90 minutes while warming to 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 0.215 g of a white solid. MS calculated for $C_{12}H_9ClF_3NO_2 + H$: 292, observed: 292.

8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

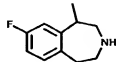
A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-oxo-3,4,5-trihydro-1H-3-benzazepine (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with $NaBH_4$ and the resulting mixture was stirred 16 hours at 20 C. The white solid product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried, resulting in 30 mg of a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.39 (s, 1 H), 7.12 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.1-2.7 (m, 6 H). MS calculated for $C_{10}H_{12}ClNO + H$: 198, observed: 198.

Example 32: (R,S) 8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 4-bromophenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.27 (s, 1 H), 7.22 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.94 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.1-2.85 (m, 6 H), 2.72 (m, 1 H), 2.25 (bs, 1 H), 1.33 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}BrN + H$: 240, observed: 240.

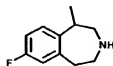
Example 33: (R,S) 8-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 8-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 4-fluorophenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.00 (dd, $J=8, 10$ Hz, 1 H), 6.86

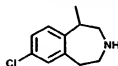
(d, $J=10$ Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.08-2.56 (m, 7 H), 1.85 (bs, 1 H), 1.31 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}FN+H$: 180, observed: 180.

Example 34: (R,S) 7-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



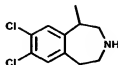
By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 3-fluorophenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.09 (dd, $J=6, 8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.85-6.78 (m, 2 H), 3.10-2.89 (m, 6 H), 2.71 (dd, $J=7, 13$ Hz, 1 H), 1.91 (bs, 1 H), 1.33 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}FN+H$: 180, observed: 180.

Example 35: (R,S) 7-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



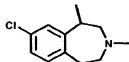
By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 7-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 3-chlorophenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.10 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (m, 2 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.70 (dd, $J=13, 7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.89 (bs, 1 H), 1.31 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}ClN+H$: 196, observed: 196.

Example 36: (R,S) 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



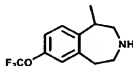
By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 7,8-dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 3,4-dichlorophenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.20 (s, 1 H), 7.16 (s, 1 H), 3.05-2.86 (m, 6 H), 2.71 (dd, $J=7, 13$ Hz, 1 H), 1.83 (bs, 1 H), 1.33 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{11}H_{13}Cl_2N+H$: 230, observed: 230.

Example 37: (R,S) N-Methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



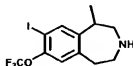
5 By the same general procedure as in example 9, (R,S) N-methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from (R,S) 8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine as a colorless oil. MS calculated for $C_{12}H_{16}ClN+H$: 210, observed: 210.

10 **Example 38: (R,S) 1-Methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**



15 By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 3-trifluoromethoxyphenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) 7.39 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (m, 1 H), 3.46 (m, 2 H), 3.38 (d, $J=13$ Hz, 1 H), 3.29 (m, 1 H), 3.16 (m, 2 H), 3.05 (dd, $J=13, 9$ Hz, 1 H), 1.50 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_3NO+H$: 246, observed: 246.

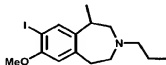
20 **Example 39: (R,S) 8-Iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**



25 By the same general procedure as in example 3, (R,S) 8-iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3OD) d 7.79 (s, 1 H), 7.25 (s, 1 H),

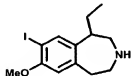
3.46-3.40 (m, 3 H), 3.28-3.12 (m, 3 H), 3.07 (dd, $J=13$, 9 Hz, 1 H), 1.47 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_3INO+H$: 372, observed: 372.

Example 40: (R,S) N-Propyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



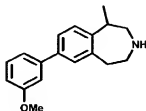
By the same general procedure as in example 10, (R,S) N-Propyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from (R,S) 8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepine as a colorless oil. MS calculated for $C_{15}H_{22}INO+H$: 360, observed: 360.

Example 41: (R,S) 1-Ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



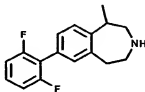
By the same general procedure as in example 19, (R,S) 1-ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47 (s, 1 H), 6.54 (s, 1 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 3.20-2.97 (m, 4 H), 2.93-2.75 (m, 3 H), 2.64 (m, 1 H), 1.78 (m, 2 H), 0.95 (dd, $J=8$, 8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{13}H_{18}INO+H$: 332, observed: 332.

Example 42: (R,S) 7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



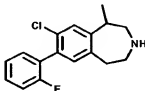
By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, O-trifluoromethanesulfonate as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (dd, J=7, 7 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.21 (d, J=7 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J=7 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (s, 1 H), 6.86 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.2-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.80 (m, 1 H), 2.64 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₈H₂₁NO+H: 268, observed: 268.

Example 43: (R,S) 7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, O-trifluoromethanesulfonate as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.10 (m, 5 H), 6.95 (dd, J=7, 8 Hz, 1 H), 3.2-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.79 (dd, J=8, 13 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₇H₁₇F₂N+H: 274, observed: 274.

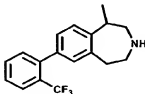
Example 44: (R,S) 7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

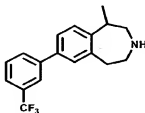
as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.19-7.09 (m, 2 H), 7.03 (s, 1 H), 3.15-2.85 (m, 7 H), 2.76 (dd, $J=8$, 13 Hz, 1 H), 1.36 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClFN}+\text{H}$: 290, observed: 290.

5 **Example 45: (R,S) 7-(2-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine**



By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was
10 obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, O-trifluoromethanesulfonate as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (dd, $J=7$, 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (dd, $J=7$, 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 5 H), 2.76 (dd, $J=8$, 13 Hz, 1 H), 2.37 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3
15 H). MS calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{N}+\text{H}$: 306, observed: 306.

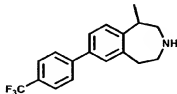
Example 46: (R,S) 7-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was
20 obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, O-trifluoromethanesulfonate as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (s, 1 H), 7.73 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.57-7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (s, 1 H), 7.24 (d, $J=7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.16 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 6 H), 2.79
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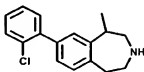
(dd, $J=8$, 13 Hz, 1 H), 1.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}F_3N+H$: 306, observed: 306.

Example 47: (R,S) 7-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



By the same general procedure as in example 29, (R,S) 7-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from N-trifluoroacetyl-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, *O*-trifluoromethanesulfonate as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.65 (s, 4 H), 7.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (s, 1 H), 7.24 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 5 H), 2.80 (dd, $J=8$, 13 Hz, 1 H), 2.48 (bs, 1 H), 1.38 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{18}H_{18}F_3N+H$: 306, observed: 306.

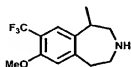
Example 48: (R,S) 8-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (84 mg, 0.229 mmol) in dimethylformamide (2.5 mL) was treated with 2-chlorophenylboronic acid (43 mg, 0.275 mmol), CsF (52 mg, 0.34 mmol), water (70 mg, 3.9 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (27 mg, 0.023 mmol) and stirred overnight at 75 °C. The product mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10-20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 36 mg of a clear oil. MS calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}ClF_3NO+H$: 368, observed: 368. The product (39 mg, 0.106 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (2 mL) treated with 15% aqueous NaOH

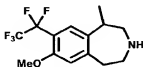
(2 mL), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and the solvent evaporated to give 18 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.17 (m, 5 H), 7.12 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.1-2.9 (m, 5 H), 2.79 (dd, J=7, 13 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (bs, 1 H), 1.36 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₇H₁₈ClN₃+H: 272, observed: 272.

Example 49: (R,S) 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



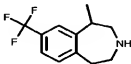
A solution of N-trifluoromethylacetyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepine (135 mg, 0.327 mmol) in dimethylformamide (3 mL) and toluene (0.5 mL) was treated with sodium trifluoroacetate (133 mg, 0.981 mmol), copper (I) iodide (124 mg, 0.654 mmol) and the toluene distilled off to remove any residual water. The reaction mixture was stirred at 155 C for 3.5 hours, diluted with EtOAc, filtered, absorbed on silica and purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 26 mg of a colorless oil. MS calculated for C₁₅H₁₅F₆NO₂+H: 356, observed: 356. The intermediate (26 mg, 0.073 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred 0.5 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 14 mg of a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (s, 1 H), 6.73 (s, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.1-2.9 (bm, 6 H), 2.75 (bm, 1 H), 2.23 (bs, 1 H), 1.36 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₆F₃NO+H: 260, observed: 260.

Example 50: (R,S) 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



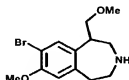
A solution of N-trifluoromethylacetyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-3-benzazepine (100 mg, 0.242 mmol) in dimethylformamide (3 mL) and toluene (1 mL) was treated with sodium pentafluoropropionate (64 mg, 0.344 mmol), copper (I) iodide (92 mg, 0.484 mmol) and the toluene distilled off to remove any residual water. The reaction mixture was stirred at 160 C for 3.5 hours, diluted with EtOAc, filtered, absorbed on silica and purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 22 mg of a colorless oil. MS calculated for $C_{16}H_{15}F_8NO_2+H$: 406, observed: 406. The intermediate (22 mg, 0.054 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred 0.5 hours at 50 C. The product mixture was diluted with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give 14 mg of a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.25 (s, 1 H), 6.74 (s, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 3 H), 3.1-2.9 (bm, 6 H), 2.76 (bm, 1 H), 2.37 (bs, 1 H), 1.35 (d, J=8 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}F_5NO+H$: 310, observed: 310.

Example 51: (R,S) 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



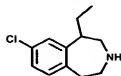
By the same general procedure as in example 26, (R,S) 8-trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine was obtained from 4-trifluoromethylphenethylamine as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.55 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (s, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J=8 Hz, 1 H), 3.55-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.23 (m, 7 H), 3.13 (dd, J=16, 7 Hz, 1H), 3.0-2.91 (m, 2H), 1.36 (d, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for $C_{12}H_{14}F_3N+H$: 230.19, observed: 230.4

Example 52: (R,S) 8-bromo-1-methoxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



A solution of 8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (0.075 g, 0.26 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was treated with BOC₂O (0.062 g, 0.29 mmol), and stirred overnight at 20 C. The product was absorbed on silica and purified by flash chromatography (33% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 0.034 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₇H₂₄BrNO₄+H: 386, observed: 386. The BOC-protected intermediate was dissolved in dimethylformamide (1 mL), treated with excess NaH and excess iodomethane sequentially, and then stirred for 1 hour at 20 C. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (5 mL), extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL), the combined organic phases were washed with brine (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 0.019 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₈H₂₆BrNO₄+H: 400, observed: 400. The N-BOC protected methylether was then treated with 4M HCl in dioxane (1 mL) and stirred 2 hours at 20 C. Evaporation resulted in 0.009 g of the desired product as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.30 (s, 1 H), 6.92 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H) 3.5-3.1 (m, 9 H). MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₈BrNO₂+H: 300, observed: 300.

Example 53: (R,S) 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Crotyl, *N*-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine

A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine (6.2 g, 15.8 mmol) in dimethylformamide (350 mL) was treated with K₂CO₃ (15.8 g, 114 mmol) and crotyl bromide (6.0 g, 44 mmol) sequentially, the mixture was stirred

at 60 C for 16 hours and then cooled to 20 C. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (350 mL), washed with water (3 x 300 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5-15% EtOAc in hexane) resulted in 2.5 g of a clear oil. MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₄ClF₃INO+H: 432, observed: 432.

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N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-crotyl, N-trifluoroacetyl-2-iodo-4-chlorophenethylamine (2.5 g, 5.8 mmol) in dimethylformamide (250 mL) was treated with KOAc (1.07 g, 10.9 mmol), n-Bn₂Et₂NBr (1.33 g, 5.84 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (0.063 g, 0.28 mmol) and stirred overnight at 77 C. The product mixture was cooled to 20 C, filtered, diluted with water (100 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic phases washed with water (100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Flash chromatography (2-20% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulted in 0.339 g of a clear oil. The product, which was assumed to be a mixture of double-bond isomers, was dissolved in methanol (50 mL) treated with Et₃N (0.2 mL), 10% Pd/C (0.10 g) and stirred 16 hours under 100 psi of hydrogen. The product mixture was filtered, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 0.20 g of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₄H₁₅ClF₃NO+H: 306, observed: 306.

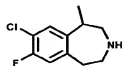
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8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

A solution of N-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (63 mg, 0.207 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred for 3.5 hours at 60 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 35 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.2 (m, 3 H), 3.3-3.0 (m, 7 H), 1.9-1.6 (m, 2 H), 0.91 (t, J=7 Hz, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₂H₁₆ClN+H: 210, observed: 210.

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Example 54: (R,S) 8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine



N-Trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

5 A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (2.5 g, 8.5 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (15 mL) was treated with Selectfluor (3.9 g, 11 mmol), trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (8 mL, 90 mmol) and stirred 60 hours at 75 C. The product mixture was poured into water (200 mL), extracted with EtOAc (200 mL), the organic phase washed with saturated aqueous
10 NaHCO₃ (2 x 100 mL), brine (100 mL), dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (6 % EtOAc in hexane, silica) resulting in 1.6 g of a white solid. MS calculated for C₁₃H₁₂ClF₄NO+H: 310, observed: 310.

8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine

15 A solution of *N*-trifluoroacetyl-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine (160 mg, 0.22 mmol) in methanol (3 mL) was treated with 15% aqueous NaOH (2 mL), and stirred for 3.5 hours at 25 C. The product mixture was concentrated, extracted 3 times with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), dried
20 with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 93 mg of a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11 (m, 1 H), 6.85 (m, 1 H), 3.05-2.95 (m, 3 H), 2.95-2.80 (m, 3H), 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (bm, 1 H), 1.31 (m, 3 H). MS calculated for C₁₁H₁₁ClF₂NH: 214, observed: 214.

Example 55 Separation of enantiomers for selected compounds of the invention

25 The following compounds were separated into their respective enantiomers using a Varian ProStar HPLC system with a 20 mm x 250 mm Chiralcel OD chiral column, eluting with 0.2 % diethylamine in various concentrations of isopropanol (IPA) in hexanes, see Table 1 below. In some cases, the separations were
30 performed on the intermediate trifluoroacetamide protected amines.

Table 1

Example	Enantiomer	Retention time for the free amine (mins)	Retention time for the trifluoroacetamide	Conditions
1	1	21.9		5% IPA in hexane
	2	24.5		10 mL/min
2	1	42		5% IPA in hexane
	2	47		9 mL/min
3	1	20.8		5% IPA in hexane
	2	24.2		10 mL/min
19	1	34.9		1% IPA in hexane
	2	39.5		9 mL/min
26	1		23.8 ¹	5% IPA in hexane
	2		29.2 ²	7 mL/min
37	1		23.8 ³	5% IPA in hexane
	2		29.2 ⁴	7 mL/min
51	1		18.6 ⁵	1% IPA in hexane
	2		21.4 ⁶	9 mL/min
53	1		13.7 ⁷	5% IPA in hexane
	2		20.2 ⁸	10 mL/min

¹ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 1 of Compound 26.

² The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 2 of Compound 26.

³ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed and subsequently N-methylated to give Enantiomer 1 of Compound 37.

⁴ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed and subsequently N-methylated to give Enantiomer 2 of Compound 37.

⁵ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 1 of Compound 51.

⁶ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 2 of Compound 51.

⁷ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 1 of Compound 53.

⁸ The separated trifluoroacetamide enantiomer was hydrolyzed to give Enantiomer 2 of Compound 53.

Example 56**Intracellular IP₃ Accumulation Assay**

HEK293 cells were transfected in 15cm sterile dishes with or without (control) 16ug of human 5-HT_{2C} receptor cDNA using 25ul of lipofectamine. Cells were then incubated for 3-4 hours at 37°C/5%CO₂ and then transfection media was removed and replaced with 100ul of DMEM. Cells were then plated onto 100cm sterile dishes. The next day cells were plated into 96 well PDL microtiter plates at a density of 55K/0.2ml. Six hours latter, media was exchanged with [³H]inositol (0.25 uCi/well) in inositol free DMEM and plates were incubated at 37°C/5%CO₂ overnight. The next day, wells were aspirated and 200ul of DMEM containing test compound, 10uM pargyline, and 10mM LiCl was added to appropriate wells. Plates were then incubated at 37°C/5%CO₂ for three hours followed aspiration and by addition of fresh ice cold stop solution (1M KOH, 19mM Na-borate, 3.8 mM EDTA) to each well. Plates were kept on ice for 5-10 min and the wells were neutralized by addition of 200ul of fresh ice cold neutralization solution (7.5% HCl). Plates were then frozen until further processing is desired. The lysate was then transferred into 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes and 1 ml of chloroform/methanol (1:2) was added/tube. The solution was vortexed for 15 seconds and the upper phase was applied to a Biorad AG1-X8™ anion exchange resin (100-200 mesh). First, the resin was washed with water at 1:1.25 W/V and 0.9 ml of upper phase was loaded onto the column. The column was then washed with 10 ml of 5 mM myo-inositol and 10 ml of 5 mM Na-borate/60mM Na-formate. The inositol tris phosphates were eluted into scintillation vials containing 10 ml of scintillation cocktail with 2 ml of 0.1 M formic acid/ 1 M ammonium formate. The columns were regenerated by washing with 10 ml of 0.1 M formic acid/3M ammonium formate and rinsed twice with dd H₂O and stored at 4°C in water.

The biological activities in the IP Accumulation Assay for several representative compounds are shown in Table 2 below:

Table 2

Compound (Example Number)	5-HT_{2C} (IC₅₀)* IP Accumulation Assay (nM)
1	4.2
2	4.5
3	1.4
4	2.1
5	12.1
12	6.3
19	18
26	5.8
32	2.1

* Reported values are averages of at least two trials.

The majority of the other compounds of the Examples were tested at least once, and they showed activities in the IP Accumulation Assay in the range between ~1.4 nM and ~5 ?M.

Example 57

Inhibition of food intake in food-deprived rats

Male Sprague-Dawley rats (250-350g) were deprived of food overnight prior to testing. Prior to food deprivation, the animals were weighed and separated into treatment groups in order to balance groups according to body weight. On the test day, animals were placed into individual cages (no bedding) at 9:00am with free access to water. At 10:00am, animals were injected with test compound (p.o., i.p., or s.c.) and then presented with a pre-weighed amount of food in a dish either 60min (p.o.) or 30min (i.p. and s.c.) after drug administration. Food consumption over different time points was then determined by weighing the food cup at 1, 2, 4, and 6hr after the food was presented. Thus, food consumption was measured at 2, 3, 5, and 7hr post-injection in p.o. studies, and at 1.5, 2.5, 4.5, and 6.5hr post-injection in i.p. and s.c. studies.

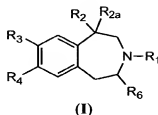
Figures 1A-G illustrate the effects of seven different compounds on food intake in food-deprived rats. All compounds inhibited food intake dose-dependently. This effect was consistently most pronounced over the first 1 hr after food presentation. Some compounds (Figures 1A, 1C, and 1E) maintained an inhibitory effect on food intake relative to vehicle-treated controls at 6hr after food presentation. Compounds were also shown to be effective via all routes of administration including p.o.

It is intended that each of the patents, applications, printed publications, and other published documents mentioned or referred to in this specification be herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that numerous changes and modifications can be made to the preferred embodiments of the invention and that such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention. It is therefore intended that the appended claims cover all such equivalent variations as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, OH, or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 and R_4 are each independently H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R_5 is independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R_6 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof

provided that:

(A) if R_2 is methyl and R_1 and R_3 are both H, then R_4 is not thiazole, substituted thiazole or a thiazole derivative:

(B) if R_6 is other than H, then neither R_3 nor R_4 can be H;

(C) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be NHR_5 or $N(R_5)_2$;

(D) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative; and

5 (E) if R_3 is OH, and R_1 is methyl then R_2 cannot be cyclopentyl, $-CH_2$ -cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclohexyl.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is H.

10 3. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is methyl.

4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl.

15 5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 is methyl or ethyl.

6. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$.

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7. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is chlorine.

8. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is bromine.

25 9. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is perhaloalkyl.

10. The compound according to claim 9 wherein R_3 is CF_3 .

30 11. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and imidazolyl.

12. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₄ is methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy or allyloxy.
13. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of thiophenyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and imidazolyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from halogen or methyl.
14. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₄ is phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy.
15. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ taken together form -O-CH=C(CH₃)-.
16. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is halogen and R₄ is -OR₅ wherein R₅ is C₁₋₈ alkyl.
17. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is chlorine or bromine and R₄ is methoxy.
18. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is halogen and R₄ is allyloxy.
19. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R₃ is H and R₄ is 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, or R₄ is phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy.

20. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is H and R_4 is a disubstituted pyrrazole or monohalo-substituted phenyl.

5 21. The compound according to claim 1 wherein said substituents of said pyrrazole are bromine and methyl.

22. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

10 R_2 is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or CH_2OH ; or R_2 and R_{2a} taken together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 is H, halogen, or a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

15 R_4 is H, alkoxy, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy;

or R_3 and R_4 taken together form $-O-CH=C(CH_3)-$; and

20 R_6 is H or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

23. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

25 R_2 is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or CH_2OH ; or R_2 and R_{2a} taken together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 is chlorine, bromine, or iodine;

R_4 is alkoxy; and

R_6 is H or methyl or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

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24. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:

R₁ is H;

R₂ is methyl;

R₃ is H, chlorine, bromine, or thiophene;

R₄ is alkoxy, pyrazol-3-yl or phenyl wherein said

5 pyrazole optionally has up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, and said phenyl optionally has a single halogen substituent; and

R₆ is H or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

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25. A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:
- 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 15 7-Benzoyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 20 N-Propyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaindene;
- 25 7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 30 8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-

- benzazepine;
8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
5 8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
10 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
15 7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
20 8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
25 N-Methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
1-Methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
N-Propyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
30 1-Ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;

- 7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 5 7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-(2-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 10 7-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and
- 15 8-bromo-1-methoxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
26. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group
- 20 consisting of:
- 8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 25 N-Methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 8-Iodo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
- 7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and
- 30

7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

- 5 27. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:
- 8-Chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
10 8-Trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
15 7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7,8-Dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
and
8-Chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or
20 a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
- 25 29. A method of modulating a 5HT_{2C} receptor comprising contacting said receptor with a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.
- 30 30. The method of claim 29 wherein said compound is an agonist of said receptor.

31. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective dose of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.
32. A method according to claim 31 wherein the disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.
33. A method of decreasing food intake of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.
34. A method of inducing satiety in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.

35. A method of controlling weight gain of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.
- 5 36. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of obesity comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 25, 26 and 27.
- 10 37. The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of identifying a subject, said subject being in need of prophylaxis or treatment for obesity, wherein said identifying step is performed prior to administering to said subject said pharmaceutically effective amount of said compound.

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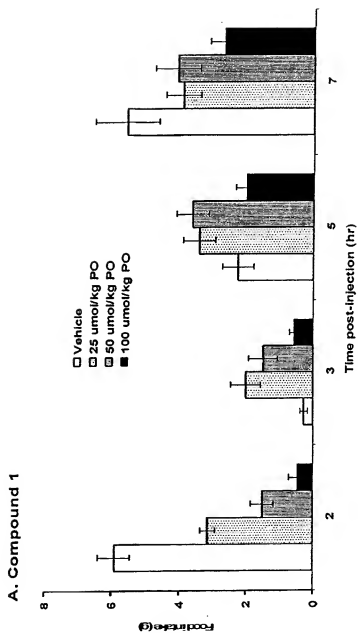


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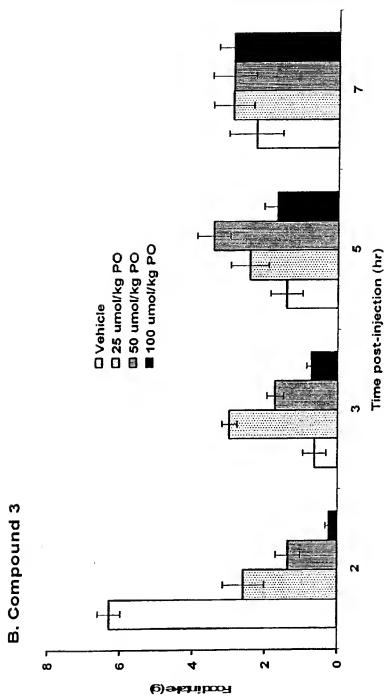


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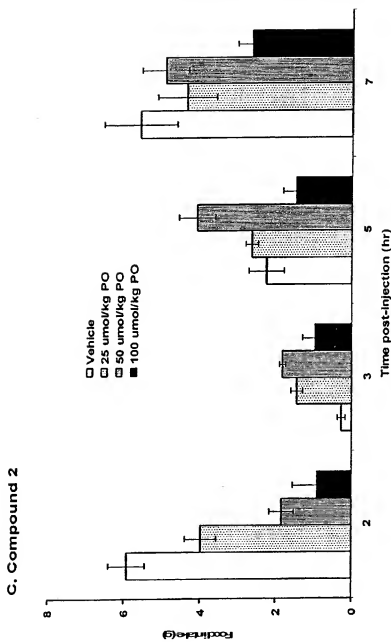


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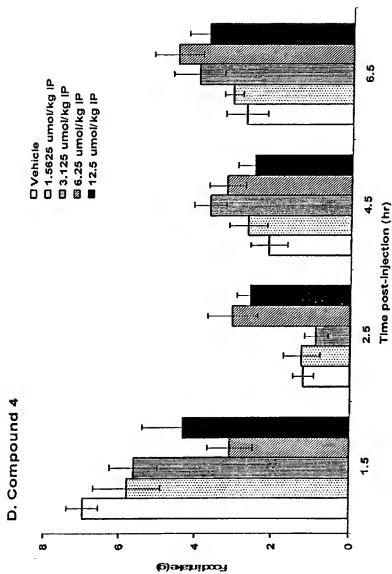


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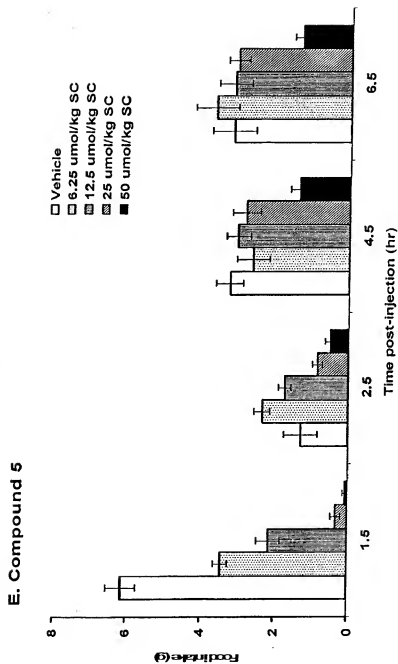


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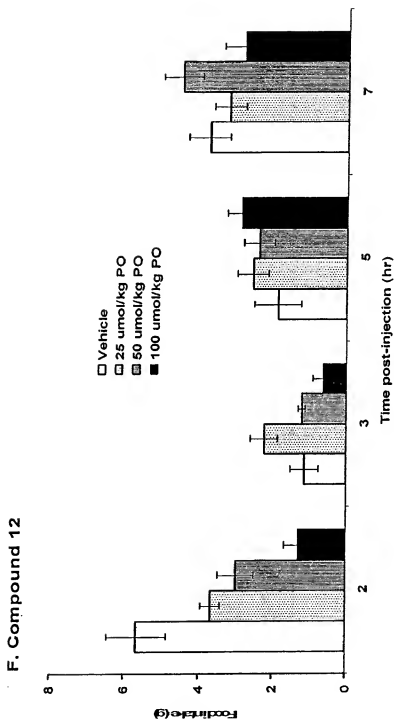


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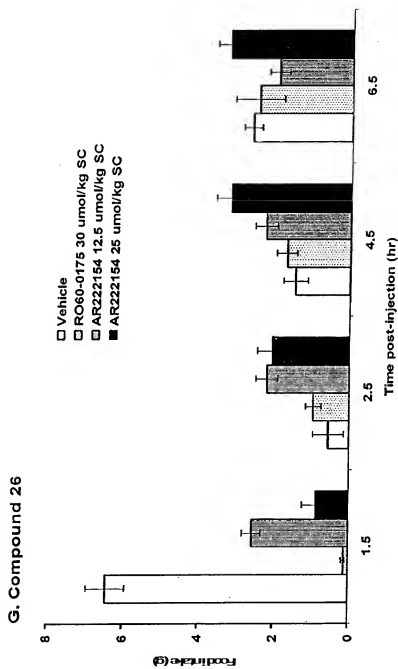


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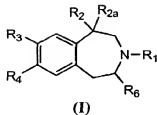
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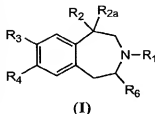
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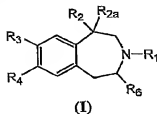
(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel compounds of: (Formula I); which act as 5HT_{2C} receptor modulators. These compounds are useful in pharmaceutical compositions whose use includes the treatment of obesity.

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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, OH , or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 is halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_4 is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R_5 is independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R_6 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof
provided that:

(B) if R_6 is other than H, then neither R_3 nor R_4 can be H;

(C) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be NHR_5 or $N(R_5)_2$; and

(D) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative.

2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is H.
3. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is methyl.
4. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl.
5. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 is methyl or ethyl.
6. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$.
7. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is chlorine.
8. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is bromine.
9. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is perhaloalkyl.
10. The compound according to claim 9 wherein R_3 is CF_3 .
11. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and imidazolyl.
13. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_4 is selected from the group consisting of thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl and imidazolyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from halogen or methyl.

14. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_4 is phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy.
15. The compound according to claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_4 taken together form $-O-CH=C(CH_3)-$.
22. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:
 R_2 is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or CH_2OH ; or R_2 and R_{2a} taken together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;
 R_3 is halogen, or a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;
 R_4 is H, a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N and S and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl, or phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy;
or R_3 and R_4 taken together form $-O-CH=C(CH_3)-$; and
 R_6 is H or methyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
24. The compound according to claim 1 wherein:
 R_1 is H;
 R_2 is methyl;
 R_3 is chlorine, bromine, or thiophene;
 R_4 is pyrazoly-3-yl or phenyl wherein said pyrazole optionally has up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl, and said phenyl optionally has a single halogen substituent; and
 R_6 is H or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
25. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Benzyloxy-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-7-ethoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-7-isopropoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
N-Propyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Hydroxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
3,5-Dimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5*H*-1-oxa-7-aza-cycloheptaidene;
7-Allyloxy-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-(2-thienyl)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Cyano-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-bromo-1-cyclopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-bromo-1-hydroxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-isopropyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-7-hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1-isopropyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Allyloxy-8-bromo-1,4-dimethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-Methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Chloro-1-hydroxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;

7,8-Dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
N-Methyl-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
1-Methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Iodo-1-methyl-7-trifluoromethoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
N-Propyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
1-Ethyl-8-iodo-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-fluorophenyl)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(2-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and
8-bromo-1-methoxymethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

26. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

8-Bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Chloro-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Iodo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
N-Methyl-8-bromo-7-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Bromo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
8-Chloro-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;

8-Iodo-1-ethyl-7-methoxy-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine;
7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-trifluoromethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; and
7-Methoxy-1-methyl-8-pentafluoroethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
29. A method of modulating a 5HT_{2C} receptor comprising contacting said receptor with a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.
30. The method of claim 29 wherein said compound is an agonist of said receptor.
31. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus, and sleep apnea comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective dose of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.
32. A method according to claim 31 wherein the disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.

33. A method of decreasing food intake of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

34. A method of inducing satiety in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

35. A method of controlling weight gain of a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

36. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of obesity comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound as in any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

37. The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of identifying a subject, said subject being in need of prophylaxis or treatment for obesity, wherein said identifying step is performed prior to administering to said subject said pharmaceutically effective amount of said compound.

38. The compound of claim 1 wherein:

R₁ is H or Me;

R₂ is Me, Et, or OH;

R_{2a} is H;

R₃ is F, Cl, Br, I, CF₃, or 2-chlorophenyl;

R₄ is H; and

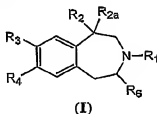
R₆ is H.

39. The compound of claim 1 wherein:

- R_1 is H;
 R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl;
 R_{2a} is H;
 R_3 is halogen;
 R_4 is H; and
 R_5 is H.

41. A method of preparing a composition comprising combining a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

42. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

- R_1 is H or straight-chained or branched C_{1-8} alkyl;
 R_2 is methyl, ethyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl,
 $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, or CH_2OH ;
 R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 is halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_4 is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R₅ is independently C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R₆ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof
provided that:

(B) if R₆ is other than H, then neither R₃ nor R₄ can be H;

(C) if R₁ and R₂ are methyl, and R₄ is H, then R₃ cannot be NHR₅ or N(R₅)₂;

(D) if R₁ and R₂ are methyl, and R₄ is H, then R₃ cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative; and

(E) if R₃ is OH, and R₁ is methyl then R₂ cannot be cyclopentyl, -CH₂-cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclohexyl.

43. The compound of claim 42 wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is methyl or ethyl;

R^{2a} is H;

R³ is F, Cl, Br, or I;

R⁴ is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR₅, SR₅, NHR₅, N(R₅)₂, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl is optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

each R⁵ is, independently, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R⁶ is H.

44. The compound of claim 42 wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is methyl or ethyl;

R^{2a} is H;

R³ is F, Cl, Br, or I;

R⁴ is H, hydroxy, methoxy, ethoxy, isopropoxy, allyloxy, benzyloxy, fluoro, chloro, trifluoromethoxy, 2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl, 4-bromo-2-methyl-2*H*-pyrazol-3-yl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 2,6-difluorophenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, or 4-trifluoromethylphenyl; and
R⁶ is H.

45. The compound of claim 42 wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is methyl or ethyl;

R^{2a} is H;

R³ is OR⁵;

R⁴ is H; and

R⁶ is H.

46. The compound of claim 42 wherein:

R¹ is H;

R² is methyl or ethyl;

R^{2a} is H;

R³ is OR⁵;

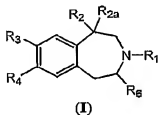
R⁴ is H;

R⁵ is arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl; and

R⁶ is H.

47. The compound according to claim 42 wherein R₄ is methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, or allyloxy.

48. The compound according to claim 42 wherein R_3 is halogen and R_4 is $-OR_5$ wherein R_5 is C_{1-8} alkyl.
49. The compound according to claim 42 wherein R_3 is chlorine or bromine and R_4 is methoxy.
50. The compound according to claim 42 wherein R_3 is halogen and R_4 is allyloxy.
51. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is H or straight-chained or branched C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_2 is methyl, ethyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, tert-pentyl, n-hexyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 is halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_4 is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R_5 is independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

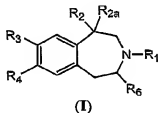
R_6 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof
provided that:

(B) if R_6 is other than H, then neither R_3 nor R_4 can be H;

(C) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be NHR_5 or $N(R_5)_2$; and

(D) if R_1 and R_2 are methyl, and R_4 is H, then R_3 cannot be imidazole, substituted imidazole, or an imidazole derivative.

52. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, cyclopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, cyclobutyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, tert-pentyl, cyclopentyl, n-hexyl, or cyclohexyl;

R_2 is C_{1-8} alkyl, $-CH_2-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-O-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-C(=O)-NH-C_{1-8}$ alkyl, OH, or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

R_3 and R_4 are each independently H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $N(R_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally

substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

or R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

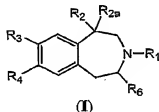
each R₅ is independently C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R₆ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof

provided that:

(B) if R₆ is other than H, then neither R₃ nor R₄ can be H.

53. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R₁ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl;

R₂ is C₁₋₈ alkyl, -CH₂-O-C₁₋₈ alkyl, -C(=O)-O-C₁₋₈ alkyl, -C(=O)-NH-C₁₋₈ alkyl, OH, or CH₂OH;

R_{2a} is H;

or R₂ and R_{2a} together form -CH₂-CH₂-;

R₃ is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, SR₅, NHR₅, N(R₅)₂, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

R₄ is halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, SR₅, NHR₅, N(R₅)₂, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, perhaloalkyl, and alkoxy,

and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl;

or R₃ and R₄ together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R₅ is independently C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R₆ is H or C₁₋₈ alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof
provided that:

(A) if R₂ is methyl and R₁ and R₃ are both H, then R₄ is not thiazole, substituted thiazole or a thiazole derivative; and

(B) if R₆ is other than H, then neither R₃ nor R₄ can be H.

54. The compound according to claim 53 wherein R₃ is H and R₄ is a 5-membered heteroaryl ring having up to two heteroatoms selected from O, N, and S, and up to two substituents selected from halogen and C₁₋₈ alkyl, or R₄ is phenyl optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, halogen, and alkoxy.

55. The compound according to claim 53 wherein R₃ is H and R₄ is a disubstituted pyrrole or monohalo-substituted phenyl.

56. The compound according to claim 55 wherein said substituents of said disubstituted pyrrole are bromine and methyl.

57. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

58. A compound according to claim 57 that is (R)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

59. A compound according to claim 57 that is (S)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
60. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
61. A compound according to claim 60 that is (R)-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
62. A compound according to claim 60 that is (S)-8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
63. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
64. A compound according to claim 63 that is (R)-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
65. A compound according to claim 63 that is (S)-8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
66. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

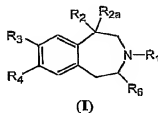
67. A compound according to claim 66 that is (R)-8-trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
68. A compound according to claim 66 that is (S)-8-trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
69. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
70. A compound according to claim 69 that is (R)-8-trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
71. A compound according to claim 69 that is (S)-8-trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
72. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
73. A compound according to claim 72 that is (R)-8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
74. A compound according to claim 72 that is (S)-8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

75. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
76. A compound according to claim 75 that is (R)-8-bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
77. A compound according to claim 75 that is (S)-8-bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
78. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
79. A compound according to claim 78 that is (R)-8-iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
80. A compound according to claim 78 that is (S)-8-iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
81. A compound according to claim 1 that is 7,8-dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
82. A compound according to claim 81 that is (R)-7,8-dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
83. A compound according to claim 81 that is (S)-7,8-dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

84. A compound according to claim 1 that is 7,8-dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
85. A compound according to claim 84 that is (R)-7,8-dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
86. A compound according to claim 84 that is (S)-7,8-dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
87. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
88. A compound according to claim 87 that is (R)-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
89. A compound according to claim 87 that is (S)-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
90. A compound according to claim 1 that is 8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
91. A compound according to claim 90 that is (R)-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

92. A compound according to claim 90 that is (S)-8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
93. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
94. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-bromo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
95. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-iodo-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
96. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-trifluoromethyl-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
97. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-trifluoromethyl-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
98. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-chloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

99. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-bromo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
100. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-iodo-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
101. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 7,8-dichloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
102. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 7,8-dichloro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
103. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
104. A composition comprising a mixture of *R* and *S* enantiomers of 8-chloro-7-fluoro-1-ethyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-3-benzazepine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.
105. A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

R_1 is H or straight-chained or branched C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_2 is methyl, ethyl, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-8}$ alkyl, $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}-\text{C}_{1-8}$ alkyl, or CH_2OH ;

R_{2a} is H;

or R_2 and R_{2a} together form $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$;

R_3 is H, halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $\text{N}(\text{R}_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

R_4 is halogen, perhaloalkyl, CN, OR_5 , SR_5 , NHR_5 , $\text{N}(\text{R}_5)_2$, OH, aryl, or heteroaryl, wherein said aryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from C_{1-8} alkyl, halogen, perhalo alkyl, and alkoxy, and said heteroaryl can be optionally substituted with up to two substituents selected from halogen and C_{1-8} alkyl;

or R_3 and R_4 together with the atoms to which they are attached can form a 5- or 6-member heterocyclic ring having one O atom;

each R_5 is independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl or perhaloalkyl, or allyl; and

R_6 is H or C_{1-8} alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or hydrate thereof provided that:

(A) if R_2 is methyl and R_1 and R_3 are both H, then R_4 is not thiazole, substituted thiazole or a thiazole derivative;

(B) if R_6 is other than H, then neither R_3 nor R_4 can be H; and

(E) if R_3 is OH, and R_1 is methyl then R_2 cannot be cyclopentyl, $-\text{CH}_2$ -cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclohexyl.

106. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of depression or anxiety comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment or prophylaxis a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

107. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of a disorder related to 5HT_{2C} receptor activity wherein said disorder is selected from disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; and gastrointestinal disorders, comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

108. The method of claim 107 wherein the disorders of the central nervous system are selected from the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and other conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.

109. A method of prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes insipidus, obesity-related cardiovascular disorders, or sleep apnea comprising administering to a patient in need of such prophylaxis or treatment an effective dose of a compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105.

110. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105 for use in a method of treatment of the human or animal body by therapy.

111. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105 for use in a method of prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus; and sleep apnea.

112. The compound of claim 111 wherein disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.

113. The compound of claim 111 wherein the disorder of the central nervous system is obesity.

114. A compound according to any one of claims 1, 42, 51, 52, 53, and 105 for the manufacture of a medicament for use in the prophylaxis or treatment of disorders of the central nervous system; damage to the central nervous system; cardiovascular disorders; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes insipidus; and sleep apnea.

115. The compound of claim 114 wherein the disorders of the central nervous system are selected the group consisting of depression, atypical depression, bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders, social phobias or panic states, sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction, psychoses, schizophrenia, migraine and conditions associated with cephalic pain or other pain, raised intracranial pressure, epilepsy, personality disorders, age-related behavioral disorders, behavioral disorders associated with dementia, organic mental disorders, mental disorders in childhood, aggressivity, age-related memory disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, drug and alcohol addiction, obesity, bulimia, anorexia nervosa and premenstrual tension.

116. The compound of claim 114 wherein the disorder of the central nervous system is obesity.